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TO INTELLIGENT HUMANITY IRRESPECTIVE
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"We are never appreciated except by our equals or our superiors. Our inferiors will either extol us to the skies, or degrade us."
—Ruskin.

"To know, is to be certain that something is. Spiritually discerned, to know, involves certainty. To the mortal consciousness it requires objective expression."
—Von Broecklin.

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"The only impeccable writers are those who never wrote."
—Haslitt.

"I have never pretended to impeccability, which is an admission that I may naturally offend."
—Geo. Meredith:

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The Awakening of The Soul.

Awake and claim thy birthright.
Thou art no mortal clod.
Awake! O Glorious One,
Thou art a Son of God.

Come forth from out thy tomb,
Unwind the thought of sin,
Of sickness, fear and poverty,
The Christ-Child is within.

Thy body is the temple,
Built without a hammer's sound.
When this you can but realize,
The glorious truth you've found.

Awake! Awake! O Son of God.
Dispel thy mortal dream.
Judge ye not by appearances
Things are not always what they seem.

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"Empires and states may rise and fall, and even the glorious light of truth may be hidden from mortal sight for a time, yet again will its glory be made manifest, as the circle of time rolls around, and its progress made known unto aspiring souls."

—Josephine.

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PREFACE

"Is life so dear and peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

"Forbid it, Almighty God."

"I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

—Patrick Henry.

These immortal words define our only purpose in the presentation of this work.

Truth is mighty, however unpleasant it may appear.

We care naught for adverse criticism, opposition, hate, malice, slander, villification nor abuse from discordant persons who may become stirred by the facts herein disclosed.

—The Author.

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—I—

An Ideal.

"Purity of mind does not express itself by implacable vengeance against the impure."

—Martineau.

"Jesus contented Himself with implanting a principle of pure and loving obedience in the breast, which should make men a law to themselves."

—Geikie.

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"CHRIST speaks, and at once generations become His by stricter, closer ties than those of blood—by the most sacred, the most indissoluble of all unions."

"He lights up the flame of a love which consumes self-love, which prevails over every other love."

"The founders of all other religions never conceived of this mystical love, which is the essence of Christianity, and is beautifully called charity."

"In every attempt to effect this thing, namely, to make himself beloved, man deeply feels his own impotence."

"So that Christ's greatest achievement undoubtedly is the reign of charity."

"In every other existence, but that of The Christ, how many imperfections."

"Where is the character which has not yielded, vanquished by obstacles."

"Where is the individual who has never been governed by circumstances or places; who has never succumbed to the influence of the times; who has compuned with any customs or passions."

"From the first to the last, Christ is the same; always the same, majestic and simple; infinitely firm and infinitely gentle."

"What a proof of the divinity of The Christ."

"With an empire so absolute; He has but one single end; the spiritual melioration of individuals; the purity of conscience; the union to that which is true; the holiness of the soul."

—NAPOLEON.

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CHAPTER I

"The Sermon on the Mount cannot be a merely human production, this truth enters into the very depths of my conscience.
"The whole history of man proves it."
—Daniel Webster.

In all work you must have—An Ideal.

Whatever work may engage your time and attention, a definite purpose must ever be held in mind—an Ideal—or failure will inevitably follow.

A fixed and definite purpose insistently held, always leads to greater achievement in whatever avenue of life you may choose to persistently devote your time and energies.

In the Spiritual Work, THE VERY HIGHEST IDEAL must ever constantly be held, or you will become lost in the maze of ideas and words of other mortal minds, arriving at nothing but confusion, where so many well-meaning people are now finding themselves.

They cannot prove to their own minds that they are right.

They are, as at sea, in an open boat without a rudder.

In this life, a distinctive spiritual failure, which state of consciousness they will represent in the life to come, the life of The Spirit.

They hold to that which is the product of their own distorted imaginations or that of others—who are no more spiritually awakened than themselves.

The creations of sensualized mortal minds.

Not the creation of a Spiritually Awakened Mind.

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When I turned to The Father for Light.

I sought an Ideal.

I found in The Christ, one who completely filled my ideal of Unselfish Love.

Not human love—but—

SPIRITUAL LOVE.

Is there a soul who has ever appeared upon the earth who has demonstrated greater love for man than The Christ?

Who has liberated more souls from bondage?

There is no record of the fact.

In the conscious realization of the true teachings of The Christ, woman is gaining her liberty of thought and action.

What country in the world, where the religion is not of The Christ, has woman any liberty?

Woman is yet bound by many shackles.

In no country but ours has she thrown off so many chains.

Is steadily but surely breaking all the bondage which man has created to make her his slave.

The religion of The Christ is the Law of Liberty.

There have been many liberators.

There have been many Christ-like souls who have fought in defense of human liberty.

Every man who has ever shouldered a musket or drawn a sword in defense of the principle of human liberty and the destruction of any and all forms of slavery, has been a liberator of his race.

But there has been but one liberator of the soul from all of its mortal ignorance, but ONE—THE CHRIST.

To the masses of the civilized world, what soul has and now does, stand out in the shining light of Infinite Love as that of The Christ, The Liberator of Mankind.

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A light as bright to-day as it was nineteen hundred years ago.

To ALL who are looking to Him in LOVE.

A light which is shining now with marvelous brilliancy, after centuries of man's selfishness and perverted teachings.

With such a brilliancy that mortals must look.

In looking, will learn to know the truth He came to reveal, in knowing that truth, will become free.

The human consciousness, when once it sees the light of the Truth He revealed, will also see the glory of the light His Love illumines in the soul.

What teacher has ever appeared whose teachings and works have illumined and liberated the mortal consciences of His true followers, as those of The Christ?

After many centuries, in which His simple and very beautiful teachings have been distorted by unawakened minds—to serve their own selfish ends—the truth of His teachings and His works will at last be given by spiritually awakened souls who are open and receptive to the Law of Pure Spirit.

Man shall be liberated from the galling yoke of fear, superstition and hate.

His soul filled with the Christ-Love for his kind.

He shall at last know the truth in The Christ.

That truth shall liberate him from the creations of his mortal consciousness, the most dominant of which is his mortal selfishness.

There is no higher standard than The Christ.

Christ is the highest spiritual expression.

He was the perfect embodiment of Infinite Love.

No higher standard can be expressed by man.

He demonstrated in the highest the Divine Love of the divine man for man.

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Christ did not seek glory for Himself.

What a proof of His divinity and His mission.

Christ was One with The Father in Love.

ONE with The Law.

The Law is LOVE.

I in thee.

Thou in ME.

We in The Father.

The Father is Love.

GOD IS LOVE.

INFINITE LOVE IS GOD.

How many of the self-styled teachers and healers of today do we hear say, with Him:

"The Father that dwelleth in me He doeth the works."

They are so sure that they do the work themselves.

They seek to control the thoughts and expressions of all their patients, or pupils.

Not to liberate them from their misconceptions of truth.

Are so filled with jealousy of other workers.

If they recognized that The Father was doing the work, there would be no cause for jealousy.

Which is now so persistently expressed in the ranks of all workers by those who claim they are doing the work of The Father.

Mortal mind governs their thoughts and actions.

Not the Christ-Love for their kind.

What love is that which will awaken the consciousness of the most hardened criminal?

It is the Love of The Christ.

Why do men so truly love their mothers?

The mother is the highest ideal of love to the mortal consciousness of man.

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The most degraded man will turn to his mother when all humanity are at war with him, finding peace in her love.

She represents to his mortal consciousness the perfection of unselfish love upon this plane.

When man accepts The Christ as the perfection of Infinite Love for his Soul, he will rise from out the degradation of his mortal appetites and propensities.

Will find that peace which is in his own soul and his spiritually awakened consciousness.

Why will a mother protect her children when all the world is against them?

Will go down into the depths of mortal hell and ignorance, into which they have fallen, to bring them back to liberty and her love.

The divine spark of Infinite Love was kindled in her mortal consciousness when she conceived, or when her children came to be born through her organism, into this world of mortal consciousness and expression.

That spark of Infinite Love never dies.

Survives all expressions of mortal life.

Created by Divine Law—Infinite Love—God.

Lives throughout all eternity.

Mothers look for love from their children.

If withheld in expression, they never cease loving and caring for those children.

The Father—God—Infinite Love, showers His love and blessings upon His children.

Like the mother, He does not cease giving His blessings if they fail to acknowledge them, for He says:

"Lo! I am with you always."

Who was speaking when Jesus spake those words?

DIVINE LOVE—God—was speaking through the SON.

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Infinite Love—God—Divine Law—watches over us, cares for us, sends us messengers of love.

Sometimes in little children.

Sometimes in a dear friend.

Infinite Love reaches our souls through every expression and experience of life, that we may become awakened to receive the blessings awaiting us.

Some are slow to awaken.

They are so satisfied with the husks of the flesh.

Have no ideal but the things of the mortal world.

Cannot realize the joys of the higher life.

The joys of the spiritually awakened consciousness.

They take all the blessings which come to them as of their own rightful due.

Do not even stop to ask why those blessings come to them.

They conceitedly affirm they have created the conditions which have resulted in the possession of those blessings.

They selfishly live and lust in them.

But one day these things begin to slip away from them.

The law of selfishness is met in its own realm.

What is the result?

Look all about you.

See the wrecks of dissatisfied lives.

Men and women who have become tired of life.

Have become satiated with the lusts of the flesh.

Nothing else is known to them.

They have become tired.

Wearied of the things of the world.

Slowly die of inertness, the result of selfishness.

Or, a pistol shot, or other means ends the record of a wasted life here.

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Only to learn they have precipitated themselves into a worse hell beyond.

The mortal mind is too satisfied with its own world.

Refuses to listen to the truth of the higher world.

Will not believe when it is presented to them.

"Blessed are they who see and believe, thrice blessed are they who see not and believe."

When they see, they will not believe.

For they do not want things spiritual.

Many create false conceptions of God—Divine Law.

Filling their minds with the creations of their own distorted imaginations.

Or—absorb the creations of other minds who are no more spiritually awakened than themselves.

They become so saturated with mortal conceptions of the Law of The Spirit, they build a wall which shuts out the Light of The Spirit.

That wall is so thick that even mortal common-sense can find no lodgment within its gates.

Why should they turn to The Christ, when they consider themselves as great as He?

If they are as great as He, why do they not express His love for their kind?

Why do they not demonstrate a knowledge of the Law as He did?

Because they have it not.

They only have high-sounding words.

They are not even a success in the very ordinary walks of life.

Their passing from this plane would not cause a ripple in the ordinary activities of the world.

Yet they claim they are as great as The Christ.

But what of those who live and work in the consciousness of the Love of The Christ?

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What are they doing for the children of The Father?

What are they giving to the world of doubters?

How do they meet the stern experiences of life?

They give what they have to give, in His name.

The world hears nothing of them.

But they are known unto Divine Law.

Divine Law makes no mistakes in its analysis.

There are many who hold, in words, The Christ in Ideal.

Conceitedly claim they are living in obedience to that Ideal.

Are they living in obedience to that Ideal?

Are they even trying to so live?

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

What are their fruits?

Look all around and about you; they are ever present.

Christ condemned no one, but—

He vigorously analyzed hypocritical pretensions.

READ THE 23RD CHAPTER OF ST. MATTHEW.

His pretended followers are filled with condemnation.

Filled with hate for their kind.

They who really love The Christ, condemn no one, but—

Are able to see the hypocrisy of false pretenses.

They are able to see that every expression of Divine Law is really a working out of the Divine Plan.

That all are seeking the light in their own poor way.

That ultimately all will reach the summit of the mountain and become free.

They are also ready to stand and say to the erring soul—

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"Cease thy wandering, come up higher."

All humanity are undergoing unfoldment in obedience to the highest ideal they are willing to hold.

When the messenger of Infinite Love—Truth—reaches the mortal consciousness, the divine spark is at once brought into activity and progress takes place.

It is very easy to drift along with the tide of public opinion, say what the multitude demands, but—

When your soul is once awakened to the fact that the multitude is wrong, and you see it—

Then you are in rebellion against mortal mind, for your spiritual nature is commanding the light and the truth.

Then the real warfare begins.

You have the Light and Truth.

The Law of The Spirit—Truth—commands that you shall give the light you have to your unawakened brother.

Who is not ready to receive it.

Because he does not want it.

But you know that he needs it, to grow.

The command comes to your own soul—

"Go Forward."

You go forward to your unawakened brother.

You speak the Truth of The Spirit to him.

He turns upon you as upon a viper.

Just as you once turned away from the light.

So he turns from you in condemnation.

With curses upon you and upon the Truth.

Then is the time for you to stand still, be calm.

Gaining your own soul growth and power.

In the Love of The Christ, you can stand like a rock.

Just as the apostles stood in days of old.

Just as The Christ stood, He was calm.

He gave forth the Truth, so must you.

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He fulfilled the divine purpose of His incarnation in standing still and proclaiming the truth of the Law of The Spirit.

So you, in His name and in His love, must proclaim the truth in Him, thus fulfilling the divine purpose of your incarnation.

When the first storm has been weathered.

When the first battle has been fought.

When the first victory has been won.

When you have received the benediction of love which will follow the first battle.

You will then understand, as no one ever will be able to tell you, what it means to live and work in the Love of The Christ.

Then each succeeding battle will bring greater power.

Greater spiritual awakening.

Greater spiritual consciousness.

Greater realization.

For you have been in a battle for Truth.

You will then know what it is to have a spiritual power descend upon you.

When you have fought in a battle in defense of right, not might.

Step after step, you will press forward into greater fields of usefulness.

Greater battles to be fought.

Greater truths to be heralded to the world.

Great victories to be won.

Greater consciousness to your own soul.

"In My Name ye shall be victorious."

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"In loving Jesus the Christ the Love of Heaven is bestowed upon you."

"In His Name alone is Victory."

"Whatever your trials and adversities, your faith in Him and His Love must be absolute, else the divine purpose of your incarnation is not fulfilled."

"The stern experiences of mortal existence must be met calmly and courageously, and only in His Love and in doing His work will you learn the way to highest usefulness and be prepared to rightly labor here and in Spirit Life, where, freed from the limitations of the flesh, you shall rise to the highest expression of Divine Law—PERFECTED IN CHRIST."

—Napoleon.

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JESUS HAD MANY TITLES—some selected by Himself, others given to Him. But the favorite was the one chosen by Himself, Son of Man. This fact means something, and when He chose that title He did it with a profound purpose. It means that He is the representative man, that He stands for all that is good in humanity. Jesus as a man was not limited to any race or nation, like Mahomet in Arabia, Moses in Judea, Confucius in China, or Buddha in India. The religion of Jesus belongs to man. It has proved itself to be adapted to every nation, and we have splendid types of Christianity in every land the sun shines on. Christ was an Asiatic by birth and tradition, yet His religion has spread the world over, proving that His religion was not limited to Judea, although He was a Jew as much as was Moses. Christ was the composite man, the typical man, the whole human race is in Him. He was a natural man—not half man and half God, as some people seem to think. Whatever else He was He was a perfect man. Some would ask how is it possible for Him to be both divine and human? It is a mystery to all of us, and yet no stranger than our own two natures—that of each of our parents, so often displayed by us. One need not then be puzzled in the two natures of the Son of Man. There is something in human nature that the Deity can and does inhibit. And it is in this that Jesus called Himself the Son of Man. It is in this we live and hope and enjoy the fullness of life.—Dr. Robert McIntyre.

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VIOLENCE TO THE APOSTLES.

The Apostles died in the following violent ways:

MATTHEW—Was put to death by the sword at Ethiopia.

MARK—Was dragged through the streets at Alexandria until he expired.

LUKE—Was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece.

JAMES THE GREAT—Was beheaded at Jerusalem.

JAMES THE LESS—Was thrown from a temple and was beaten to death with a club.

PHILIP—Was hanged against a pillar in Asia Minor.

BARTHOLOMEW—Was flayed alive by command of a barbarous king.

ANDREW—Was bound to a cross, when he preached to the people, till he expired.

THOMAS—Was run through the body by a lance near the East Indias.

JUDE—Was shot to death by arrows.

SIMON ZEOLOTES—Was crucified in Persia.

MATTHIAS—Was stoned and then beheaded.

PETER—Was crucified with his head downward.

PAUL—Died a death of violence.

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THE TEN GREAT RELIGIONS.

1.—The Confucian religion of China, founded by Confucius, B. C. 551-478.
2.—Brahmanism of India.
3.—Buddhism, a revolt from Brahmanism, in eastern Asia, founded by Saky-muni, who died 543 B. C.
4.—The Magian religion of Persia, founded by Zoroaster.
5.—The religion of Egypt; a polytheism or animal worship.
6.—The Mythology of the Greeks and Romans.
7.—The Scandinavian mythology.
8.—The Jewish religion.
9.—The "Islam" religion, founded by Mohammed.
10.—Christianity.

—James Freeman Clarke.

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"Day by day the men who guide public affairs are arraigned before the judgment-seat of the race."

—Bancroft.

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CHAPTER II

"Is life so dear and peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?
"Forbid it, Almighty God."

When these words were first spoken by that great patriot, counsellor and worker in the field of human endeavor for universal liberty of thought and growth, the political revolutionary spirit demanding freedom had found an expression in America.

The colonists were in the throes of a decisive struggle for national independence and the voice of Patrick Henry of Virginia rang out in clarion tones, stirring the people to a depth of enthusiasm rarely equaled, which led them to take very decided steps toward their emancipation from the political tyranny of their oppressors.

No one will ever be able to measure the effect upon or the power which was given to all who heard him, or to estimate the influence they have had upon the mind of any mortal who has ever read those memorable words which infused new life and tenacity of purpose into the weary souls of his countrymen.

History has duly recorded them and for all time whenever and wherever man is intelligently working out the divine purpose of his mortal existence, will be heard again and again those words which will stir into active, objective expression the determination to ever be awake to all existing conditions—of every character—which forms his environment.

To realize that all forces—harmonious and opposing—visible and invisible—operate for his ultimate spir-

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itual development which demands the constant expression of all that is good in him—severally and collectively.

In no department of his mortal existence is the need of constantly being awake—at all times and under all circumstances—to all things—as in his relation to that important subject which is now so earnestly engaging the attention of so goodly a number of masterly and brilliant minds of great achievement and world-wide reputation in every country of the civilized world and which has become generally known as—

"Psychical Research."

All intelligent humanity—who are fair-minded—are ever ready to concede to every soul the right of individual opinion or belief upon any subject—sacred or secular—affording such opportunities as time and circumstance will allow, for a full, free and untrammeled expression of such opinion or belief, to ascertain if such opinion or belief possesses elements of truth.

Strange as it may appear, it is a most lamentable fact, that the average person is prone to regard their opinion or belief upon a religious subject as the one and only true analysis, are not inclined to regard the opinion of another upon that subject as of any particular value, which leads us to the fact—which the reader has no doubt divined—**there are very few fair-minded people upon our planet.**

Happily the day has passed—never to return—when a mere belief in any man-made form of religion, or the creation of any man-made system of religion, **will ever satisfy or bring peace to the soul that has become individualized and conscious of its Divine Inheritance in the Love of The Christ.**

What one may believe may be very pleasant to

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one's own mind, also to such other minds as may become attracted to it.

Belief alone never awakens man to the consciousness of his divine birth-right.

He must know, for he has the right to know.

In the possession of absolute knowledge alone man develops his highest spiritual, mental and physical powers, for knowledge is power.

When man awakens within himself the desire to know the truth, he shall know it.

Divine Law will answer that aspiration and place him amid such experiences wherein he shall find the truth.

Be able to positively know where he shall stand at the change called death.

The one great problem of all the ages.

This one great problem which has called forth the best in man.

In all ages and in all generations.

His hopes, fears, beliefs and desire to know what will become of him as an individual—when all that is earthly of him shall have been laid away in the tomb.

When he is no longer a visible and potent factor in the affairs of men.

When he enters that marvelous creation of Divine Law—THE SPIRIT WORLD.

It is this problem which to-day is engaging the earnest attention of many brilliant minds who are now outside the pale of ecclesiastical influence and its consequent bondage.

The clergy—as a distinct and supposedly progressive body of thinkers—are not seeking to solve this great problem.

They represent a system of thought which has been conceived by mortal-minded man.

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Which has been handed down from the musty archives of antiquity.

They arrogate to themselves the only and self-appointed right to solve all spiritual and psychical law.

Holding that they and they alone are empowered to interpret **The Law of The Spirit.**

That intelligent individualized souls must bow in submission to their interpretation.

Or suffer the consequences.

This in the very face of the command of the Christ,

"Come unto ME all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Science having disputed this arrogant assumption of the church, has gone forth unhampered by such ecclesiastical bondage.

Has by persistent and intelligent effort collected and given to the world undisputed proof that the individuality of humanity at the change called death, is not, in any instance, destroyed, but, **that it is preserved.**

That in obedience to immutable law, man's condition—or state of consciousness—as an arisen spirit—is not in harmony with the past and present teachings of theology.

Herein lies the underlying cause of the conflict which is now raging between science and theology.

Which will ultimately result in a sweeping victory for science and consequent liberality of thought.

The clergy will be compelled to accept the logical proofs which science has gathered.

Be forced to teach the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Science will compel the clergy to effect a complete revision of their old, musty, worn-out, antiquated creeds, dogmas and doctrines.

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After such revision, throw them without ceremony into the sea of oblivion.

To honestly and sincerely give to humanity the undisputed proofs—now available—**where man really stands as an arisen spirit,** of which they now—as supposed representatives of The Christ—have little or no knowledge.

Unless they do become honest and truthful, teaching that which is the Truth in The Christ, they will one day awaken to the grossly material fact—a very expressive one.

That empty pews are a very poor endorsement of their presumed knowledge.

When once individualized humanity becomes awakened to the fact that they have been deceived by those who are supposed to have knowledge of a truth—and have it not—

A revulsion of thought swings them in attitude to the other extreme.

They will repulse all who may attempt to give them the little truth they may possess.

For many centuries man has been taught under various systems of religion that, at death, his place, or the condition of his soul, was determined by his acceptance or rejection—while in the body—of a creed, dogma, doctrine or belief.

Which had been formulated by men.

No wiser and in reality no more spiritually awakened than himself.

Who claimed to have the power to spiritually interpret Divine Law.

Their claims were based upon the theory that they had become highly educated in antiquated, fossilized theology.

Had had one or more degrees or titles conferred

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upon them by some man-made educational or ecclesiastical institution.

By virtue of these man-made decorations were thereby specially endowed by God with superior wisdom.

Were therefore better qualified to hand down to their supposedly less-enlightened, and—certainly less decorated brother.

The only true interpretation of Divine Law which had over been received from the creative force of the universe.

They claimed their great wisdom, highly remarkable and learned powers—coupled with their decorative titles—were the only qualifications requisite **to receive and impart the knowledge of The Law of The Spirit.**

What do we find among these man-made decorated interpreters?

Incessant warfare, hate, malice, opposition and all manner of unkindness fostered and expressed against each other and to the world.

Abominable ignorance of the beautiful truth taught and demonstrated by The Christ.

Absolutely disregarding His command, when He said:

"A new commandment I give unto you, Love ye one another."

They are densely ignorant of a multitude of spirit manifestations.

Which are everywhere demonstrated.

Are every day given to the world through various channels.

These proofs have been and now are indignantly and scornfully spurned by the clergy.

Without any investigation whatever.

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A supposedly intelligent and spiritually endowed class of thinkers.

These man-made, man-ordained, self-styled ministers of the Gospel of The Christ.

Who are constantly and persistently disregarding one of the most important commands of the Scriptures;

"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

Who, as a body of men have been supposed to have enough of spiritually awakened intelligence to investigate any and all manifestations of Divine Law.

Especially all expressions of The Spirit.

But who, by their bigotry and intolerance are ever affording abundant and additional proof to substantiate the oft repeated assertion, that they always have, and now do, stand blocking the pathway of the spiritual progress of man, with their arrogant assumptions of superior spiritual endowment.

They are preventing in every conceivable way that prejudiced, perverted and bigoted human thought can express, **the manifold expressions of The Law of The Spirit, which The Christ came to teach and demonstrate.**

Are known to have been influential in securing—in some large cities—legislative action against the exercise of all spiritual gifts.

It is interesting and very significant to note what physical misfortune befalls the men, who as legislators, allow themselves to be used as tools by the clergy, to secure the enactment of laws forbidding the expression of all spiritual gifts for the enlightenment and benefit of humanity.

It may, perhaps, interest the reader to recall the suicide of one of our "City Fathers" (?) who secured the passage of an ordinance in one of our large cities —noted the world over for its abominable political cor-

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ruption—which makes it a criminal offense to serve The Law of The Spirit, which is The Law of The Christ.

Truly this is an age of constant surprises.

It would be well for all who trespass against Divine Law and its messengers, not to allow the fact to wander far away from the store-house of their memory, there was a command given ages ago, which is very applicable just at this juncture of the world's history, "Vengeance is mine, saith The Law, I will repay."

Progressive man has been forced to hew his way through the dense forest of ignorance which the clergy have created in the minds of the people.

By sheer force has combated this dense ignorance with the most logical reasoning and convincing proofs.

The leading thinkers of the world now recognize them.

Forging on and on in the struggle for liberty of religious thought and action, intelligent individualized humanity—who are not stunted by ecclesiastical fear—can no longer successfully deny the undisputed proofs—which science now holds in its possession—of a future life and the preservation of the individuality of humanity when death closes the mortal activity.

Steadily and surely the beautiful truth which was so clearly taught and demonstrated by The Christ, is now finding its way into the receptive minds of humanity who have become wearied of ecclesiastical ignorance and its horrible bondage.

Science will one day free man from the galling yoke of ignorance, superstition and fear which ecclesiasticism has put upon him.

He will stand calm, serene, true, fearless in his mortal consciousness.

The truth will have at last reached the innermost depths of his soul.

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He will have become fully conscious of the beautiful reality of the command of The Christ—

"The Kingdom of Heaven is within you."

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About sixty years ago, in a small town in the western part of the state of New York, there occurred, in the home of two little girls—who later became known as the Fox Sisters—some peculiar noises which could not be accounted for by ordinary means.

While at first they were regarded merely with curiosity, the noises continued so persistently and so very insistently,—growing more and more forcible with each occurrence—they finally attracted the attention of other members of the family.

It was soon learned that **the noises indicated they must have been produced by a force controlled by an intelligence,** which did not and could not have proceeded from the action of any member of the family, and that these noises were evidently made to attract the attention of these people.

After repeated occurrences, the fact was established, **there was an intelligence which was producing these noises, and that it was invisible.**

From out of these peculiar expressions of spirit phenomena—and many others of greater and less physical character—has grown that system of supposedly religious thought, which has become known as Modern Spiritualism, which, as a supposed religion—we are very glad to note—is rapidly disappearing from the ranks of recognized workers for the betterment of mankind.

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Spiritualism has become so impregnated with dense ignorance, hate, malice and all manner of base and corrupt thought and action, that the very name to-day carries with it odium to the great world of independent thinkers and workers in the cause of human liberty.

As a working factor it has fulfilled its mission; has done a useful and necessary work; will be succeeded by a system of teaching, conscious realization and service, which will teach and demonstrate all The Law that Jesus came to reveal.

A service which will meet the spiritual, mental and physical needs of all humanity.

In that system of teaching and service will be incorporated the full and complete teachings and works of The Christ, for His teachings and His works will have been spiritually interpretated by spiritually awakened intelligences.

Until then we will be compelled to meet the existing conditions of ignorance and its attendant elements of hate, malice and all manner of brutal and malicious opposition, which are the result of false ecclesiastical interpretation and teaching.

These false interpretations and teachings have been foisted upon an aspiring, confiding and trusting humanity by selfish, arrogant and woefully ignorant ecclesiastical minds.

Who are spiritually dead to all comprehension of spiritual law and its infinite manifestations.

Who have purposely and maliciously prostituted the plain, simple, beautiful and truly Divine Teachings of The Christ, to serve their own selfish ends.

To Enslave Man, Not To Liberate Him.

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The Demoralizing Effects of Psychic Phenomena and its Attendant Influences.

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CHAPTER III

"Psychic Phenomena" as is usually met in the experience of all intelligent observers, is one of the most demoralizing expressions of spirit life which mortal humanity have been asked to recognize in its search for truth.

Any intelligent person who has had even a very limited experience of investigation of the claims usually set forth by adherents of so-called Modern Spiritualism, must have been rudely shocked by the evidence which is usually presented by and through the mediumship of the average medium, which one is bound to meet in this particular and very important expression of individualized life.

Humanity have so long been deluded by the church —in the past, as in the present—as to the real state of consciousness of a soul which has passed from the mortal body and entered spirit life.

We have been led to believe, that if it were possible for a spirit to manifest intelligently, it must be an angel—holding that only angels can manifest—and angels must of necessity be intelligent, having reached angelhood.

Under the misapprehension that as they had become a spirit—consequently an angel—they must by virtue of the change, become possessed of great wisdom and a perfect knowledge of all things.

Or, that they should have the ability to grasp special or unlimited opportunities, or have the immediate facilities for the ready acquisition of it.

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But when the intelligent investigator does enter upon the search for truth, he or she are usually sent to some medium by a well-meaning but usually poorly informed friend—whose intentions are no doubt good—but whose judgment is equally faulty.

Upon the first interview with the medium or of the "guides" of the medium, the investigator is usually rendered almost speechless by the mass of incoherent, unreliable and unintelligable jargon of ignorance relative to any and all subjects, either spirit or mortal.

When the interview is ended the intelligent investigator departs with very aroused feelings of disgust toward the subject and its supposed representatives.

Usually resolves never again to enter upon so apparently foolish and useless experience.

Yet this is just where the investigator—who is looking for truth—should pause, think and think well, for **there was an intelligence manifesting through that medium.**

But WHY was the intelligence of so poor and low a grade?

Why was the knowledge which the spirit was supposed to possess, so conspicuous by its absence?

There is no effect without a cause.

What is the cause in this case?

Your attention has previously been directed—by us—to the fact that humanity have been so deluded by the teachings of the clergy as to the real condition of the soul after death—that its state of consciousness, as a spirit, was determined by its acceptance or rejection—while in the body—of a creed, dogma or doctrine which had been formulated by that clergy.

When the investigator, who is supposed to be intelligent, who sometimes is a churchman, or at least accepts that portion of the teachings of the church—

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simply because they do not know better—comes in mental contact with a spirit intelligence, who at that particular time may be able to manifest through that particular medium, the investigator expects to meet intelligence, knowledge and truth.

But what do they meet?

Ignorance, stupidity and grossly malicious intent to deceive, and of so rank and vile a quality that it offends the most charitably disposed human consciousness.

Why is this so?

One would naturally suppose that the very highest intelligences would be the first to seek for and avail themselves of the first opportunity to bring the fact of its **spirit existence** to the **mortal consciousness** of the denizens of the earth plane.

To gain at least one convert to the truth.

But when such woeful ignorance and maliciousness is met, it is only the patient seeker after truth who can pause, think and ask again, and if needs be, again and again ask, why is this so?

Most people are possessed of the terrible delusion, that when their loved ones pass on to spirit life, if able to communicate at all, they must, of course, being their loved ones, be in possession of absolute knowledge of all things pertaining to the mortal life of the questioner.

Under this delusion, this dense ignorance, the door is opened to a flood of questions relative to material subjects, nearly, if not all, pertaining to the personal and purely material affairs of the inquirer.

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Know little or nothing of the new life they have entered upon.

It may take months, years, perhaps centuries, for them to learn of the most unimportant things of their new life—new to them.

It is only through your deplorable ignorance which permits you to harbor the thought of their superior and unlimited knowledge, or opportunities to acquire it.

It is a very beautiful thought—but very sentimental—purely human—supremely selfish—when one is living and loving in the emotional state of consciousness, to hold to the idea that your loved ones are the sweetest and the best of earth and of heaven.

To believe that when they pass on—die—that they are wafted to the realms of ecstatic bliss and knowledge.

But there is no justice in such selfish, human idealism, the acme of selfishness.

The truth is—however unpleasant and may, perhaps, be hard to bear—that the state of consciousness of your loved ones, or mine—in spirit or earth life—is not determined by our human, selfish, emotional elements of weakness.

Which is often accepted as evidences of love.

The state of consciousness is fixed and determined by one's own spiritual growth.

Your loved ones nor mine, are no more entitled to special indulgences or considerations from God—Divine Law—than is any other soul which He has created.

Whatever we may think should be, or believe is, that our loved ones are in consciousness, is no evidence that they are so.

In fact, what we may think, what we usually do

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think, is very far away from the truth as to their real state of consciousness.

The sooner we recognize the selfish injustice of such mortal inhuman reasoning and ignorance, the sooner we are ready to learn more of the truth.

The sooner we free ourselves from all such mortal delusions—and many others of like character—we shall be ready to undertake a study of the most important truth before the world.

To find what will be our real place as a spirit.

When we, too, shall have passed on to the higher realms of activity and consciousness.

In dealing with the subject of humanity who have passed to spirit life, it must be remembered that the mass of humanity upon the earth, are in an earthly—material—sensuous—state of consciousness.

The moment we turn our face toward the spirit world—through the state of consciousness of the average medium—we will meet intelligences who are no more awakened—spiritually—than the medium through whom they may be operating, or the investigator who is seeking communication.

The result is, a mass of feeble, unintelligible jargon which purports to emanate from supposedly enlightened intelligences who have been regarded as spiritually awakened, simply because they are in spirit life.

One of the most popular fallacies of the present age, in relation to the spirit life, is, holding the idea that one who has attained a position of distinction in the earth life, who was regarded as an educated character, that he would be a reliable source of information from the spirit side of life.

The real state of consciousness of the people of distinction in the earth life, is not determined by the emi-

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nence they may have attained in the estimation of the mortal world.

It is a most trenchant truth, that much of the knowledge a soul gathers while in the body is so very earthly in character that it blocks the spiritual awakening of the soul, hinders its spiritual aspiration.

Much of the presumed knowledge which is so universally accepted as truth, is but the creation of worldly-minded intellects, who have much mentality but no spiritual discernment.

.Spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

The intellect is but the avenue through which spiritual things are made known to man, not the power that discerns the truth.

We often see people who are very learned in the world's estimate of knowledge, who are spiritually dead; who are coldly intellectual; have no warmth of soul; lifeless; inert; soulless.

But we also see many who have, apparently, no great intellectual gifts, who are unlearned in the knowledge of the world, but **who are living in that perfect realm of divine truth of which mere intellect is totally ignorant.**

The Law of The Spirit is—LOVE.

Love is Spiritual—GOD.

Not mere brains, not words hollow and dead.

We point the reader to one of the greatest evidences in history to prove this fact.

When Jesus entered upon His ministry, He went to the fishermen and bade them take up His work.

How did they know He was the ONE of whom the prophets had foretold?

Who was to come to redeem the world of its ignorance.

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Did they know from their great and numerous intellectual attainments?

Did they know it because some one had told them?

Did they know it from any outward evidence of the personality of Jesus?

Did they know it from an examination of any diploma of His from any ecclesiastical authority?

Or, did they know it from the fact **their souls were alive to the truth that He was The Messiah?**

They did not stop to inquire or reason.

They did not have to, they KNEW IT—SPIRITUALLY.

Another of the dominant weaknesses of humanity which is so conspicuously expressed by so many well intentioned investigators, is the desire to hear from those who have attained distinction in the estimation of the world.

It pleases the vanity of the medium—and that of the inquirer—to feel they have attracted the attention of some one in the spirit life, who was great in the estimation of the world, this acquaintance having been denied them in the earthly journey.

This desire is recognized by the operating intelligence, is seized upon by them, the result is, a mass of communications which are absolutely devoid of truth upon any and all subjects.

The inquirer thus becomes skeptical, his mind more clouded with doubt, so filled with disgust that he then and there wishes to cease all further investigation.

The fact is, the intelligence you may desire to hear from, may not be anywhere in the psychic atmosphere of the medium, or, if it is, cannot or would not wish to use that particular medium, in many instances would not be permitted to, if it so desired.

The question naturally arises, what is one to do?

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Our answer is, learn all you can about the subject of all spirit communion before entering upon a limited or extended investigation.

Do not go groping in the dark, blindly.

It must be remembered that as the subject is a very important one, one needs all possible available knowledge, to become equipped to meet the conditions which are surely to be met.

Whatever you do, realize that you will be perfectly safe in keeping your eyes and ears wide open, your lips conservatively sealed.

Be always alive to everything you may see or hear, remembering if there is any one place in life where it will be wise for you to be a good listener and a very poor talker, it is when you seek communication with the invisible world of spirits.

If there is a message to come to you from any one in the spirit life, through any medium, you will never be required to ask questions.

The moment a medium or a spirit begins to ask you questions about any of your spirit friends or upon any subject which may interest you, that is the time for you to cease your visit.

Get away from fraud, for the true medium will ask no questions, neither will the reliable spirit.

If there is a message for you through that particular medium, it will be given direct without your being questioned in any direction.

Anything beyond that is "filled in," to please your mortal mind, to pave the way for more of the same kind of imposture.

The "psychic plane" is that part of the earth which is known as the earth's atmosphere—which encompasses the planet—earth.

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The great majority of souls who pass out—die—do not get away from the earth.

Their state of consciousness is of the earth—earthy.

They are what is termed by some writers, earth-bound spirits.

In many, many instances are so unawakened that any information—of any character—which they might give would be of no value whatever.

They know little or nothing of their new and unknown environment, having known nothing of it when in the body.

Are so unawakened, in many instances, it requires years for them to grow to realize they have passed out of their bodies—died.

Even when they awake to realize they have passed to spirit life, they know nothing of their surroundings and less of what may pertain to the environment of others.

The mortal inquirer who is anxious to hear from those who were the truly great of earth, must learn that the opportunities are very rare.

The good and true of spirit life are engaged in a higher and more important work than catering to the vanity of mortals.

The higher the state of spiritual consciousness of a soul in the earthly embodiment, the less likely you are to hear from them—after they pass on, UNLESS you are ready to devote your mortal life to a dissemination of the truth and the advancement of the human race toward a more perfect realization of the true purpose of the mortal existence.

The truly great of the earth life—when they have passed on—will not come through any medium to play upon the weaknesses of humanity, but will come to all

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who are ready and determined to stand as instruments through whom the light of true spiritual knowledge may be given to the world of mortal man.

So then, psychic phenomena, as is so often—and invariably the case—evidenced through the mediumship of the average medium, whom you are most likely to meet, is one of the most destructive and demoralizing forces which has found acceptance by a multitude of gullible mortals.

The proof of this statement lies in the fact—which we ask the reader to view—in the long list of spiritual, mental, moral and physical wrecks which marks the pathway of so-called Modern Spiritualism.

The truth is so very apparent, that the mediumship so often evidenced in public and private is no true mediumship, but is one of the worst forms of obsession upon our plane of action.

The mental realm and spiritual aspiration of the medium becomes so clouded by these obsessing undeveloped spirits—who rob the medium of his or her divine right to rise from out the mortal consciousness to a comprehension of their divine inheritance and conscious realization of their true mission upon the earth plane, as was so clearly taught and demonstrated in the Life, the Teachings and the Works of The Christ.

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Psychic Phenomena

as

Now Sought and Used

for

Selfish Purposes

and

Its Evil Effects Upon All Who Practice and Follow After It.

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CHAPTER IV

One of the most popular forms of supposed development which one hears so insistently advocated is that which has become generally known as—

"**Psychic Development.**"

Right here, permit us to say that, if the reader is now engaged with any person or persons, privately or in classes, for the purpose of expecting to effect the development of your "psychic powers" it would be well for you to pause, and pause long.

There is no time like the present to pause.

Learn of what stands before you.

With what you are to become identified.

If you are alive and open to conviction, you will soon be made aware that the "development" of your "psychic powers" is one of the worst forms of obsession which you could possibly acquire.

Which must be so carefully avoided that you should hesitate long and study well, all the physical and psychic conditions which you are sure to meet and of which you will become a part.

It is usually the case, when one first comes into possession of the knowledge of the possibility of spirit communion, it is for the reason that one or more of their loved ones have passed on—died.

The desire to learn if it is possible to hear from them becomes so acute, it is with difficulty that the mortal can be restrained from plunging head-long into the first opportunity to learn if it is really a fact.

But that desire is born of selfishness.

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You only desire to hear from your earthly loved ones.

Not for the real value that knowledge will be to the development of your own soul, or for others.

Nor for what value it may be in assisting you in a further series of investigations.

Only a selfish desire to hear from your loved ones whom you have been taught to regard as yours.

Your desire was not born of the awakening of your own soul for spiritual things.

Nor to know of the truth in its relation to the whole human race.

But only so far as it may concern your selfish desire and that of your particular loved one.

Knowing nothing as to their ability to communicate.

Knowing nothing nor asking if it is possible for them to communicate with you through any medium.

Nor are you seeking to know if there may, or may not be, one or more in spirit life, who are nearer to you than all earthly loved ones.

Who have ever been and now are near to you—in spirit—knocking at the door of your mortal consciousness seeking to awaken your mortal mind to a realization of a love—not of earth—but of heaven itself.

We must not be understood as advising you not to place a due regard for and appreciation of the love of any and all the dear ones of the earth life.

There has been too much of that kind of wicked teaching bearing the name of spiritual law.

Nor to fully appreciate the love of your once earthly loved ones—who have passed on—nor those who are sharing with you now the experiences of your mortal life.

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But we would have you know that the loves of the earth life, belong to this plane of life.

Should be at all times and under all circumstances honored and appreciated.

But there is a love—just beyond your mortal consciousness—which is not of the earth but of heaven.

It is to that love we ask you to hold your aspirations, hopes and desires.

When your mortal consciousness is once awakened to the reality, beauty and heavenly radiance of that greater love, you will have a wiser and more lasting appreciation of the love of the loved ones of earth.

Your soul will then be alive to truth.

You will then be conscious of living in a love not of the earth—earthy—but a love which is truly divine, as in The Christ.

A love which knows no condemnation, no criticism, no fault finding.

But the love of a truly awakened soul, or souls.

For your own soul.

A love of those who have arisen far and above all earthly thoughts and influences.

A love that only sees and loves your soul.

When you have become so spiritually awakened that you realize the presence of that love you will be guided safely from out the maze of mortal doubt and consciousness and sordid purposes, into the highest spiritual awakening and its realization.

The reader of these lines who may have had even a limited experience with those who pretend to be able to assist one in securing a "psychic development" will realize that one is usually led to believe by them that one has wonderful possibilities of a marvelous development and remarkable mediumistic powers.

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Which, when they are "developed" under the "superior" guidance of the "developing medium" would afford unlimited and brilliant opportunities for exercising these presumably "great" gifts for personal satisfaction and financial gain.

To secure a foothold of independence upon the earth plane of commercialism.

The mortal mind of the novice is so filled with selfishness, avarice, conceit and covetousness, that it grasps at this poor bait held before it, gulps it down with unseemly haste, very seldom stops to look beyond the thought of the immediate present selfishness.

The result is, a long train of bitter experiences and disasters to the individual.

A suspension of the spiritual comprehension of the true value and mission of mediumship.

The mortal selfishness has been so strongly appealed to, it has unwittingly been trapped into believing what has been so adroitly dangled before it.

Let it be well understood that no one on the mortal plane of life who has ever turned their face to the spirit world with a selfish desire to cultivate their "psychic powers" will ever have the association of any but "psychic forces" and the consequent demoralizing results.

These psychic forces are but souls who live in the earthly state of consciousness.

Who know nothing of the spiritual law of the spiritual realms.

Who are where they are, for the very good reason they can go no higher, nor lower, for there is nothing lower than where they are—the earth plane—either in consciousness or in fact.

It is this grade of intelligences who trade upon the vanity of inquiring mortals, and mediums as well.

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Who prey upon the dense ignorance of humanity.

Living over and over again and again their old earthly desires, propensities and gross appetites.

When able to secure communication with you, through any medium they can approach, will represent themselves as important personages who once walked among the worldly great.

Who will promise you anything and everything in order to get into your environment.

Which will enable them to live off your magnetic force to gratify their earthly lusts and appetites.

Will overshadow you with their earthly state of consciousness, becoming obsessing obstacles to your own spiritual awakening and realization of the Divine Inheritance which Divine Law—God—holds for you.

So it behooves every soul, who has arrived at that point in its earthly pilgrimage, that it has become awakened to a desire for spiritual things, to realize that when you look to the realm of spirit, it is necessary for you to know just what you are likely to meet, when you seek communication through the average medium, in your approach to that comparatively unknown world.

From which you expect guidance and comfort to help you in your earthly journey, and to prepare you for that greater world of activity just beyond your mortal sight and consciousness.

Ever remember that the intelligences who are in the spiritual realms of spirit life, do not come and will not come to you nor any other mortal, through the organism of any medium to cater to your mortal weaknesses.

They will not come to tell you when or how to become rid of your husband or wife or children or any other of your relatives—whom you might wish to see

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pass out of your mortal life—that you might secure possession of their wordly goods or gain your freedom in order to exercise your mortal weaknesses.

They will not come to tell you who is your "affinity" nor try to aid you to find one, nor tell you how to get one.

They will not come to tell you how to "get rich quick" at the expense of others and a loss to your own soul.

Will not come to tell you whom or when you will marry.

Will not come to tell you that you are the greatest soul upon the planet.

Will not come to tell you that you have a very high, rare and extraordinarily cultivated spiritual development.

Will not come to say that you have so stupendous a work to do that all humanity will one day gasp in amazement over the wonderful things you will do and the great force you will show.

Will not come to tell you that you were a great and noble personage—in your past incarnations—that you were a king, queen, emperor, empress, statesman, warrior or some equally great or famous member of the earth's nobility.

Will not come to fill your mind with extravagant ideas of your great importance to the human race.

Will not come to tell you that there are countless thousands of souls who are just waiting for you to come along, that they may witness the truly "great" and "remarkable" manifestations which will be given to the world through your very "wonderful" mediumship.

So, my dear reader, when such balderdash is given you through any medium, or by any medium, or by

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any one in the universe, just take a special journey to some safe and quiet place far away from all such influences, and be sure to "pull yourself together" quickly.

Be sure to get back upon the earth, and if needs be give yourself a good pinching, for all such promises and delusive statements emanate from souls who are in the "psychic plane" of consciousness, and realization.

They must not, under any circumstances, be accepted.

They must be studiously and seriously avoided.

They are the pitfalls in your earthly journey to a conscious realization of your true value in your present environment.

Ever remember, never let it wander very far from your realm of good sense, that the GOOD and TRUE of spirit life really love you.

They who have arisen above the sordid environment of earth life and its selfish attributes, appetites and propensities.

Are ever ready to come to you or to any other soul.

Not to make a slave of you.

Not to subjugate you or your will to theirs.

But ever stand ready to draw near to shower upon your conscious mind a love which is far and above all that of the earth.

Every stand ready to co-operate with you in any good work for the betterment of mankind.

Every ready to place before the world the great and divine truth of the continuity of life.

Every ready to give positive and undisputed evidence of the indestructibility of the soul.

The very highest and most perfect individualized expression of Divine Law that Infinite Love—God—has created.

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Now, my dear reader, if you had all the chemical elements within your mental and physical organism, by and through which many souls on the earth plane—visible and invisible—could become awakened into the consciousness of their divine inheritance?

If it were possible that with your intelligent co-operation the spiritual forces of spirit life could and would come to you and say that, if you would allow them to express through you their love for humanity and their knowledge of the Law of The Spirit?

That the pathway for you would be strewn with many thorns and very few roses;

That you would suffer the loss of many if not all of your present earthly friends;

That you would encounter many hardships and suffer many privations;

That you would be financially impoverished many, many times;

That the mass of humanity would only seek you to use you and your gifts to serve their own base and selfish ends;

That when they had gotten all they could out of you—and as cheaply as possible—they would turn upon you with scorn and revile you and your gifts;

That you would be forever socially ostracised and publicly condemned;

That business, professional and clerical men and women—who are supposed to be Christians—would spurn you as a viper;

That the officers of man-made law could—at any time they might choose—enter your home and drag you into court as a vile criminal;

All these and worse indignities would be heaped upon you;

Would you seek a SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT?

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Which is as far and above "psychic development" as the stars are above the earth.

If you are ready to serve the Law of the Spiritual World of The Spirit.

You would be able to become strong in the conscious power of your own soul.

Have your mortal consciousness quickened into the life of The Spirit.

Have and know that you are growing into the realization there is **absolutely nothing** in the universe of God to fear or care to avoid.

Would be able to meet all the opposition of mortal ignorance, hate, malice and all manner of inhuman prejudice and unkindness, and smile.

Would be able to stand amid all the storms of mortal life, and smile.

Could see all your earthly friends turn away from you in scorn, still you would smile.

Could see all manner of indignities heaped upon you, still you would smile.

Could suffer the pangs of poverty and hunger and all of its humiliating conditions, and smile.

When you would be called upon to drain the cup of bitterness to its dregs; you could stand still and smile.

Could then feel the presence of the loved ones in spirit.

Could stand still, in **all** things and under **all** mortal conditions, and say, with **all** your heart and soul "Thy will, O God, not mine, be done."

That, my friend, is a SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, not a "psychic development."

Few there are who ever want it.

Few there are who ever receive it.

Fewer still, are there who are ready to pay the

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price which Divine Law demands that you may receive it.

But when that spiritual development is yours.

When you have arisen from out the chaotic mass of your human desires and elements.

When you are crowned with a spiritual power which will enable you to see all things as they are.

You will then fully understand that "psychic development" is one which must at all times and under all circumstances be avoided.

In proof of which we ask you to look about you among the "psychics" and "mediums."

See where they are in their development, consciousness, realization and demonstration.

Then say to your own soul,

"Do I want it."

We know that in your sane moments you will say "NO."

And Why?

Because "psychic development" represents a state of consciousness which is of the earth earthy.

It stands blocking the pathway which leads to your highest spiritual awakening and realization.

Dante's Inferno, when rightly interpreted, is one of the truest pictures of the real state of consciousness of the psychic world of spirits.

May Divine Love reach the innermost recesses of your soul, my dear reader, and inspire your mortal mind for an aspiration for spiritual things in spirit.

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How Psychic Forces in the Form of Trance Mediumship Retard the Mental Development and Spiritual Growth of Mediums

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CHAPTER V

One of the "stock phrases" which one hears among all who are seeking or claim to be able to assist in effecting "psychic development" is that phase of mediumship which is known as "trance."

There is no expression of force from the psychic plane which is so destructive and demoralizing to the mortal as in surrendering their brain and body to a discarnate intelligence who vibrates upon the psychic plane of consciousness.

Many well-meaning people who have been very poorly advised are anxious to become "entranced" by a spirit.

It is a very common experience to hear people advised to "give up" when they feel the presence of a spirit, without a thought or care as to what grade of intelligence they are entertaining.

Many have found to their sorrow that they have given up to the very quality of force they should have strenuously held out against.

Thus it is very essential when one is willing to become entranced to become very well acquainted whether or no it is safe.

If it can be safely effected, what good, if any, will come to the one who allows it.

Entrancement is not so common among mediums as is generally supposed.

In fact, there are very few mediums who are entranced, or are capable of becoming so, even though they may lay claim to it.

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Because a person who is claiming entrancement closes his eyes, has an apparent shiver, and begins to mutter some unintelligible jargon, is no evidence that entrancement has been effected then, or at any previous time, or ever will be in the future.

In fact, it may safely be recognized that not one medium in a hundred is entranced, ever have been, or ever will be, but who assume they are.

There is great dissension of opinion among people who claim to be spiritualists, or who are in the habit of visiting mediums, that in physical manifestations there is so much imposture and there are so many opportunities for practicing imposture, as to render its recognition and endorsement unwise.

While we recognize there are many and very unusual opportunities for imposition in any and all physical manifestations, yet we are fully aware that there are greater opportunities for imposition in what is termed "trance."

It is practiced much more than the world of "phenomena hunters" are aware.

All fair-minded people who have had a very extended experience with mediums of both classes will admit this.

It must be remembered that to effect a perfect entrancement—a very rare occurrence—it is necessary to dislodge the resident spirit from its body, which is a very dangerous proceeding when accomplished by spirit intelligences who are in the psychic plane of knowledge and consciousness.

It is very destructive and acts disastrously upon the mentality of the mortal upon whom it is effected.

It never should be allowed by any mortal until they have by long experience established the fact that the forces around them in spirit are of high spiritual con-

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sciousness and understand the Law of Spiritual Chemistry.

This knowledge is only attained by spirits who have arisen to the spheres of Pure Spirit.

Who can, will and do come to such mortals who have the essential chemical elements and spiritual aspiration, which constitutes the power which they use in operating upon this plane of life.

Who would not, under any circumstances, prostitute the gifts of the medium to satisfy the mortal ambition, sensuous propensities or cater to the weaknesses of the vast army of "phenomena hunters."

To dislodge the resident spirit from its own body—the temple God gave it—by psychic forces produces a chaotic condition in that temple.

Your brain and body is yours by virtue of Divine Law—God.

It is given you by Him to have you express Him to the world of mortal thought.

When your temple is invaded by a force of spirit which is upon the same or lower plane of consciousness than yourself, your temple is disordered and disruption follows.

The brain is the Throne of The Living God in your Temple, which was created by Divine Law—God—and your spirit is there enthroned, through which The Law —God— is giving His expression upon this plane.

To allow any spirit to enter that temple and become enthroned therein, when that spirit is upon a low spiritual plane of consciousness is a gross violation of Divine Law, for which you will one day dearly pay the price.

Divine Law is no respecter of persons.

Ignorance of The Law does not absolve you from the consequences which follows its violation.

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Entrancement is very rarely effected by spirit intelligences from the realms of Pure Spirit.

They who vibrate upon The Christ plane of consciousness and realization.

When they do, they leave a spiritual power in the inner chamber of the temple—brain.

Which will be diffused through the entire brain and body.

A lasting benefit will follow that blessing.

But these same high spiritual intelligences very rarely effect a total entrancement.

They only effect a partial entrancement.

Holding the spirit of the mortal—medium—for the time being—subject to their thought and power.

Illumining the entire temple—brain and body—with their love, their power, their spiritual force, their spiritual consciousness.

When the mortal—medium—again resumes entire control of the temple—brain and body—**the whole nature, spirit and mortal, has been blest by such visit.**

Ever remember that spirits from the realms of pure spirit do not effect a total or partial entrancement for the purpose of discussing with the mortal inquirer the gross purposes of the mortal life.

There are many who will advise you never to allow yourself to become entranced.

They have never been entranced, know nothing of the laws which govern it, are therefore good (?) authorities upon a subject of which they know nothing.

There are also many people who will prescibe for you any kind of medicine for any disease, who have never studied chemistry nor know nothing of the structure of the human body; they likewise are good (?) authorities.

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These people claim that by surrendering your organism to any grade of spirit intelligence you will suffer loss in mental force and physical power.

That you will open the door to an invading host of undesirable intelligences.

Will offer in support of that statement a long list of instances by which they prove the fact.

But they do not offer—in evidence—one instance where an entrancement has been effected by a spirit intelligence from the realms of pure spirit.

For the very good reason they never saw one.

They have not been visiting that grade of mediums.

They have been in association with those who are in the psychic plane of consciousness.

They have been studying mediums who deal with the stock market and kindred subjects.

It has been demonstrated over and over again that if the spirit who effects an entrancement is from the realms of pure spirit, there is no loss to the medium in any direction whatever.

The fact is, the mental realm of the medium is blest, will be illumined by the love and the power which such a spirit will impart.

The medium will grow into a more powerful mental development.

Will have a conscious advancement of spiritual aspiration and realization.

But this superior entrancement is very rare.

Is never to be found in or through association with any person or persons who claim they have or are able to assist in the development of "psychic power."

The reader may ask, what is one to do when anxious to have a spiritual development when it cannot be had from or with association of those who claim they are able to help secure it.

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Our answer is:

Go into the silence of your own room and command in the Name and in the Love of Jesus the Christ that you are then and there ready to devote your life and talents to a dissemination of the truth for the enlightenment of humanity.

In His Name command that only the good and true of spirit life shall ever come to you.

That you command your liberty from invasion from all psychic forces.

Your command will surely be answered.

When, where and how no one will ever be able to tell you.

One safe rule you should diligently follow.

FOLLOW THE IMPRESSIONS YOU WILL RECEIVE WHEN YOU HAVE COMMANDED PROTECTION IN THE NAME AND THE LOVE OF THE CHRIST.

When you are ready to do the work of The Christ upon the earth plane you will receive that love, protection and conscious companionship and benediction of spirit intelligences, who will come in His name and in His love and His power.

Will pour out upon your conscious mind that love and power by and through which you will grow into a more perfect realization of your true mission in life.

You may not ever know who they were in earth life.

Just as well that you do not.

But love, trust and obey that quality of spirit force and all will be well, here and hereafter.

To illustrate the power of such conscious protection—which one may realize—we give the following:

A gentleman of our acquaintance who all his life

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has held a great love for The Christ as a man, who did not and would not affiliate with nor attend regularly any church of any denomination, but who always felt His protection, said one day, that he would not hesitate to command in His name His power of protection under any and all circumstances.

He little dreamed at the time that his faith would one day be tested.

One evening circumstances placed him in the company of some people who were rather disreputable in their method of securing a livelihood; he was ordered at the point of a revolver, and under threats of death, to obey them.

The time had come for him to prove his trust in the protective power of the Law of The Christ.

He looked the would-be assassin in the eye, and said: "In the name of The Christ I command you cannot shoot."

Instantly the arm of the villain was seen to tremble.

A convulsive shudder passed over him.

His hand was loosed from the revolver.

It fell at the feet of the one who faced it.

The villain walked away crestfallen, dumbfounded, powerless and conquered.

He had met a power greater than bullets and had lost.

Such is the power of the spoken word in the name of The Christ when one has truly learned to love Him.

To trust Him with the whole heart and soul.

But such a power can never be successfully used to satisfy the mortal ambition and greed, nor the appetites of the flesh.

It always will protect the one who honestly and sincerely looks to Him for protection.

PERFECT LOVE CREATES PERFECT PROTECTION.

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Psychic Phenomena
as evidenced in
Psychic Physical Manifestations

How Mediums are
Spiritually, Mentally, Morally
and
Physically Degraded
by
Unknown Psychic Associates

Mediumistic Power
is but an evidence of
Proportionate Physical Chemicals
and must not, in any instance,
be regarded as proof of
Spiritual Aspiration, Growth
or Consciousness

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CHAPTER VI

Pyschic Phenomena may be evidenced in a great variety of expressions.

When it is expressed in physical manifestations, as materialization, transfiguration, etherealization, slate writing, portrait painting, or any other manifestation less pronounced in physical expression, it is found to be one of the most alluring yet convincing proofs of the power of spirit intelligence—operating in the psychic plane—over the elements of the atmosphere of the physical world, which has ever been demonstrated upon the earth plane, in this or any age.

There is so much dissension of opinion among those who are ready to admit the possibility of physical manifestations by the spirit world that it is extremely difficult to bring any argument or facts to bear to convince them of its reality.

The subject has been approached by most writers with very pronounced prejudice, pro and con.

The inexperienced investigator is therefore often perplexed what to believe or to disbelieve.

But it must be borne in mind that it would not be fair to the subject to become prejudiced by the statements of others.

But to learn all there is to be learned about it.

Then go upon a tour of your own investigation, for you will then know, you will not be compelled to believe nor disbelieve.

One fact has always been found to be true.

When one has become very pronounced in opposi-

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tion to a statement of opinion or of a fact, it is invariably found to be true that from actual experience the opponent knows very little about the subject.

Believes much, knows very little, expresses ignorance.

Becomes in reality a mere megaphone for the opinions of others.

Equally as ignorant as they whom they represent.

Never exponents of their own knowledge.

This fact is very pronounced among so-called spiritual teachers, seers, clairvoyants and others of many worldly titles.

Who are supposed to be representatives of so-called Modern Spiritualism.

Is one of the causes of the unnecessary friction which exists in its ranks.

That a physical manifestation of a spirit in full human form is regarded as an impossibility.

That all mediums who are represented as mediums for materialization are imposters, should be refused recognition by societies, associations, organizations and individuals.

This attitude is unjustifiable, wholly wrong.

In justice to all, it must be recognized that as a spirit can and does manifest in one or more important physical expressions, there is no justifiable reason to hold that it is impossible for it to prove its identity in a full-form materialization as well.

If it has a knowledge of the law which governs the manifestation and the ability to effect the manifestation.

There are many material manifestations upon the planet which are being counterfeited.

Yet no one reasonably doubts the genuine when it makes its appearance.

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Hence we should not presume to assume that a physical manifestation of spirit is impossible because some supposed mediums have been able to successfully present a counterfeit of the genuine.

Which has been accepted by many gullible people.

There is one great truth which stands out in titanic proportions.

That in the possession of the chemical elements which constitutes the fact of a physical mediumship—or any other—that it is not an evidence of spiritual aspiration, growth or consciousness.

It is very likely to be quite the contrary.

We have never met a medium for physical manifestations, of any character, who has even spiritual aspiration, to say naught of spiritual growth or consciousness.

They are full of mawkish emotionalism; can shed tears upon the slightest provocation; indulge in gushing expressions of presumed love for humanity, fitted to the occasion, but **that is not spiritual love, growth, nor the slightest evidence of spiritual aspiration.**

It is but an evidence of emotional human weakness, which too often is accepted as love.

It has yet to be proven to the world of mortal independent thinkers that a physical mediumship may be possessed by, or a spirit manifestation in full-form, can be produced through the mediumship of one who has arisen in the mortal life to a powerful aspiration for spiritual knowledge.

Physical mediums are woefully ignorant of the law by and through which the power of the spirit is manifested through them.

To many discerning minds it is a question that in the possession of the essential chemical elements in a medium for any character of physical manifestation,

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whether or no it is an advantage to the mental, moral and physical integrity of the individual.

That they are, perhaps, a positive detriment to the spiritual development.

There are many mediums for materialization—and other forms of physical manifestations—who claim they know all about the law governing the chemicals of their body.

Which must be in the body to be used by their "guides" to effect a full-form materialization, or any other.

Yet when they are asked to state what constituent chemical must be in their body in abundance, which forms the basis of the entire chemical force;

They are simply dazed by the question.

They do not know, and when driven to a corner admit they do not know.

We have yet to meet one who does want to know.

They do not even know what chemicals—that physical chemistry has revealed—which does exist in the human body.

Of what proportions which must be there in order to enjoy good health.

Why this dense ignorance?

Simply that they are held in bondage by their "guides," who are in the psychic plane of consciousness and knowledge.

These "guides" cannot tell them, for they do not know.

The result is to the medium ignorance, and ignorance is—HELL.

We know there are many people, especially mediums, who will dispute this statement.

We want them to dispute it.

Yet the proof is in the fact.

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That, in the rate of vibration in which a spirit is compelled to enter in the atmosphere of the earth in order to become objective is so grossly material—earthy—it is exceedingly difficult for a spirtually awakened intelligence, from the higher realms of spirit, to descend into that rate of vibration owing to the very material-earthy-ignorant and undeveloped state of spiritual aspiration and realization of the medium.

When a medium is used for physical manifestations, the medium and the "guides" as well generally vibrate in consciousness upon that low rate of vibration—earth—you simply have physical results, not even mental, to say naught of spiritual spirit manifestations.

There is no justifiable reason why such a deplorable state of conditions should exist.

The mediums themselves are entirely to blame for it.

It is directly due to the fact that the state of consciousness of the mass of humanity is grossly earthy.

When one is found who is capable of being used for physical manifestations by spiritual spirit intelligences, the consciousness of the one who is used is so earthy, it is almost impossible to create in the mind of the medium a desire for spiritual knowledge.

They see only the possibility of using their gifts for financial profit and mortal ambition.

Hence is it rarely that a highly developed spiritual spirit intelligence manifests, and the fact becomes known to the outside world.

But if the mediums who have these chemicals in their bodies would but seek spiritual knowledge, turn their backs upon the human side of the case, they would grow into a higher state of spiritual aspiration and realization.

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The chemical elements of their bodies would become more refined, a higher and more refined manifestation of spirit would inevitably follow.

Many people have been deluded by the thought that as they who had the requisite combination of essential chemicals in their physical organisms which could be utilized by spirit intelligences to effect a full-form manifestation, that the medium must of necessity be very spiritual or these chemicals could not be incorporated in their bodies, nor that such spirit manifestations could be given through their mediumship.

Yet the contrary is found to be invariably the case.

That in the possession of these chemicals—or the ability to be used for such manifestations—is not the slightest evidence that the medium has the least spiritual aspiration, no realization of spiritual growth and consciousness.

This is one of the prime causes of the warfare among mediums of all grades.

They are so deficient in spiritual aspiration, they are constantly at war among themselves.

They are full of jealousy, hate, malice and all manner of mortal meanness.

They are a constant disgrace to the cause they pretend to represent.

That is why mediumship is held in so low an estimation by the general public.

Mediums have become "phenomena givers."

The public has become "phenomena hunters."

What is the result?

Incessant warfare, disintegration, disgrace, dishonor to the truth itself.

Back of all these mediums is that great multitude of countless millions of debased, ignorant, psychic intel-

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ligences who keep up this disgusting exhibition of irrational phenomena, simply to bring discredit upon the truth.

To retard its acceptance by mortal humanity.

For this wicked work is deliberately precipitated by these degraded elements in the "psychic plane."

It is a very difficult proposition for many people to realize there are in the psychic plane of spirit life countless millions of unawakened intelligences who stand in direct opposition to the work of revealing to mortal man the fact of the absolute continuity of life.

One would reasonably suppose that when once man had gone out of the body—died—and had become awakened to the fact in spirit life, he would be very anxious to avail himself of every opportunity to prove to the mortal world—from which he had departed—the fact that after all he was not dead.

But that desire is not so universal as many good people imagine.

When souls are in direct opposition to a truth—while in the body—they are not suddenly precipitated into a knowledge of that truth when they pass to spirit life.

In support of this fact we give the following:

Some years ago we had the pleasure of the acquaintance of a well-known and highly educated minister of the gospel, who honestly believed in the absolute resurrection of the physical body.

He preached this fallacious doctrine diligently.

We have every reason to believe he really, honestly and sincerely believed all that he preached, and influenced a great many people to believe as he did.

That at some time after death—just when he could not even indicate—only that it would be at the judgment day whenever that is—no one seems to know

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just when it will occur—that he would again re-enter his old worn-out physical body, and make his ascension to a place which he called heaven, somewhere above the clouds.

All arguments and appeals to his reason were of no avail; he could not, would not, be swerved from his old, antiquated belief.

We respected his poor belief, but would not accept his teachings.

In due time he passed on—died—we were curious to ascertain what he would have to say upon the subject if he could find a way to communicate with us.

We finally found an opportunity, and in answer to our question, what he now realized in regard to the subject of our many conversations while in the body.

His answer was that while he realized that he was in the world of spirit, the new life was so real to him, he could not say but that he would again, some time, take on his old worn out body which was laid away in the cemetery—evidently for safe keeping—as he had firmly believed all this before he died.

He stated that the first realization he had that he had really died was when he stood—as a spirit—in his home and called out to his wife and daughter with all the thought force he could command, and there was no sign they had heard him.

He called again and again; still there was no sign of recognition; they went about their duties, for they did not hear him.

It finally dawned upon him there was a great barrier between him and his family, which he nor they could not break down.

Again he stood in his home when a brother preacher was trying to console the family in their affliction.

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He heard long, wordy prayers offered for the welfare of his soul.

Again he called out, but no answer, not even from his brother preacher who was praying for his soul.

After several experiences of this character he finally awoke to the fact there was a barrier, which he had builded.

Which was an unsurmountable obstacle between him and the loved ones whom he had left upon the earth plane.

He was reaping the fruits of his teaching.

By his own teaching he had placed a solid rock of ignorance between himself and his family.

They knew nothing of the truth of spirit communion, hence they were dead to all of his repeated efforts to reach them.

At our last interview he still held to his old belief —could not rise above it—that he would some day preach the same old belief through some medium.

We do not think he will ever preach that old worn out fallacy through any medium.

By that time, some of the higher intelligences will have brought to his deformed consciousness the truth.

When he does come to work through a medium—as he will some day be compelled to do by the law of the spirit, and undo all the falsity he did preach—he will be awakened by that time to realize the fallacy of his false earthly work.

This is a fair expression of the state of consciousness of those who represent the ecclesiastical interpretation of the teachings of The Christ—who have passed to spirit life—until they have grown to realize the falsity of it all.

Ecclesiastical teachings of every type always have stunted the spiritual perceptions of humanity.

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Does the reader think that a spirit in that state of consciousness and spiritual development would be able to give very reliable information upon any subject, for a long time after passing out?

Yet he was one of the best known clergymen of this generation.

One who was supposed to have had great knowledge of spiritual things.

Who was the spiritual adviser of many of the children of the earth plane.

Such is the effect of perverted thought upon the consciousness of the soul upon its transition to the world of spirit.

Yet there are thousands upon thousands, yes, millions, who are every day swallowing such detestable teachings.

A wicked perversion of the true and beautiful teachings of The Christ.

Several years since we were attending a spiritualistic meeting in New York—where discussion upon all subjects was allowed—especially that of mediumship.

We heard one of the speakers make the statement that no phase of mediumship could safely be developed until the aspirant should first command that only such intelligences who had advanced to The Christ love and consciousness could come into his atmosphere.

That any force in spirit which was lower than The Christ love and consciousness, never should come to the mortal as the chief spirit workers.

In a very positive and determined voice he made the command in the Name and in The Love of The Christ for protection from all lesser states of consciousness in spirit life.

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His argument was, that any medium who opened his auric atmosphere to the presence of any spirit who had not reached **The Christ Consciousness of Love**, would be a destructive force.

Would but degrade the aspiration of the medium.

Would cloud his or her mortal consciousness.

In proof of which he turned to the chairman, asking him if the demonstrations of supposed mediumship as shown there every Sunday—to an audience of 800 or more—was not a positive proof of the fact.

The chairman refused to say, yea or nay.

The audience hissed, shouted, arose and hurled all manner of wicked epithets at him, making many very hostile demonstrations of disapproval.

Upon his leaving the platform he was forcibly ejected from the hall.

They spat in his face and tore his clothing.

Yet this is but the attitude of nearly all who are spiritualists—and mediums.

Spiritualistic meetings are usually controlled by one or more local mediums who are in the work simply for "graft," who are in the hands of degraded psychic forces who are doing all they possibly can to bring to the consciousness of mortal man prejudice against the true office of mediumship.

It will be difficult, perhaps, for the reader to realize to what extent these degraded psychic forces are in direct opposition to the truth itself.

Which is so often evidenced through spiritually unawakened and undeveloped physical mediums.

We will give an example to prove how it was done in one particular case.

A lady whom we know, who was blessed with an extraordinary and rare combination of chemical elements for full-form materialization fell into the hands

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of a band of psychic forces through attending a "class for psychic development."

This class for development was conducted by one of the most notoriously morally corrupt characters who has ever infested the field, or posed as a medium.

After attending for some time, she was told by her "guides" she must begin her public work as a medium for physical manifestations.

That it would be necessary for her to be bound hand and foot; then bound to a chair; a gag put over her mouth; a rope placed around her neck and fastened to the back of the chair.

Then she was to be carried into the cabinet, so that her "guides" could manifest and prove to the mortal world the great truth of the continuity of life.

She was told that her principal "guide" was her "soul mate" and that he was, in his last incarnation, a celebrated ecclesiastic, giving a name—which we here purposely omit—as it was given in confidence—which we respect.

We attended one of her seances and saw the disgusting conditions to which she was subjected.

We finally succeeded in arranging for a private seance, which we attended.

We engaged her "guide" in conversation, asking if it was necessary to submit his medium to such outrageous conditions in order to effect a full-form manifestation.

He replied that **it was not necessary.**

We then asked him why he demanded it of her.

He did not feel inclined to make an explanation.

But he finally did, and this is what he said,

That he was opposed to the work and was doing all he could to bring discredit upon it before mortal man, so that it would not find a friendly acceptance.

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He admitted that he purposely compelled his medium to submit to such degrading conditions in order to deter others from seeking any development and thus effect his diabolical purpose.

Any one who has ever attended her seances have always been impressed with the thought that, if **that** was what mediums had to endure, they did not want it.

The injustice of the horrible conditions which were imposed upon her were too apparent to pass unnoticed.

The effect upon her mentality and her physical organism is certainly destructive.

She stands in fear of her forces.

Is practically a mental and physical wreck,

Simply to satisfy the hellish purpose of ignorant, debased, degraded spirit intelligences who will deliberately force their way into the auric atmosphere of a mortal sensitive, who may be gifted with a combination of essential chemicals for physical manifestations.

Through the law of fear, force him to obey and to follow their outrageous commands.

For no other purpose than to destroy the value of the truth itself before the world.

This poor woman told us, with tears streaming down her cheeks, how she had for years been held in such horrible bondage but could not break it.

We suggested to her **there was a way to break it.**

She was so full of fear that she could not be persuaded to make the attempt.

If she did attempt it, that her forces would kill her.

Thus through fear she is held in chains, bound to a psychic force which is keeping her in a perpetual hell.

It is to be considered unreasonable that when such experiences are made known to people who really

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would love to serve humanity through the office of mediumship they would hesitate long before entering upon its development.

Yet this is but one of thousands of similar cases and experiences of many mediums who are in the hands of "psychic forces" which is the result of seeking a "psychic development."

All along the pathway of so-called Modern Spiritualism are a multitude of mediums who are in a literal hell, through their ignorance and a multitude of cases worse than the one here portrayed.

In Boston we knew of a man—who formerly was a successful shoe merchant—who joined a "developing class" for "psychic development"—many of which infest that city—of supposed culture.

The result of his development was, that a low grade of psychic forces succeeeded in effecting his entrancement.

They held him in such bondage they would entrance him during business hours.

They would grossly insult his customers and drive them from his store.

It was but natural that his business fell to pieces.

He finally became a bankrupt.

When we last saw him he was peddling shoe strings, trying to eke out a miserable existence, for what?

Simply that he opened the door for hellish psychic forces to get into his world, and the result is—hell.

He told us the whole story.

We tried to bring into positive activity the little manhood left in him.

Told him to command his release from such devilish forces.

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But he, too, was afraid they would kill him, which they had many times threatened to do if he did not obey them in everything.

Such is the experience of many trusting souls, who in an honest and sincere desire for "psychic development" have been pushed into a literal hell by "psychic forces."

So we say, once and for all. AWAY WITH THEM.

Much stress has been laid by many prejudiced writers upon the statement that all these destructive conditions are the result of the operations of Catholic forces in the psychic plane.

Who precipitate these results through mediums for the purpose of bringing discredit upon the truth before mortals so as to continue to hold souls of that faith in continual bondage.

In support of these statements offer as evidence the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We have found in our varied experience with forces on the psychic plane—and the mortal as well—**that all ecclesiastical forces, OF ALL NATIONS, both spirit and mortal, are constantly engaged in this nefarious work.**

That Catholics should not be condemned to the exclusion of all other ecclesiastical forces.

They are no worse and no better than any others.

These conditions are the result of the COMBINED ACTION of forces in the psychic plane who live in the densely darkened ignorance which all ecclesiastical teachings of all countries create in the mortal consciousness.

They are using every possible means to keep the subject in disrepute before the world of mortal man.

If we were to choose an associate upon either the spirit or the mortal side of life, we never would select one who ever accepted or preached the total depravity

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of man; nor the fear of God; nor the damnation of infant souls; nor the destruction of the soul under any circumstances.

One will meet enough unpleasant experiences in this life without being bound to one who holds such wicked thoughts of the Creator of The Universe—GOD.

A few years since we had an opportunity to come in contact with one of these ecclesiastical spirits who said he would like to work with us, if we would let him.

He knew he could not if we refused.

He said that he could reach thousands upon thousands of souls who were hungering for the truth.

Was very voluble in seeking to appeal to our conceit and mortal vanity.

The name he gave was that of one who had held a very high position in the church when upon the earth.

We plainly told him that HIS kind of spirit intelligence and consciousness we would not allow in our atmosphere.

We suggested his departure for other fields.

We commanded his expulsion, then and there, and have never had reason to regret the decision.

Right here, the reader might ask, whom and what grade of spirit intelligence we did welcome.

Why, just plain, sensible, good people whom we found had lived a life of usefulness while in the body.

Whose earthly career we find has proved to have been of great benefit to humanity.

Who were not controlled by hate, fear, malice nor dense ignorance.

Who were not afraid to speak the truth even when the speaking of the truth meant warfare.

Who are very much alive now, as they were then.

Who are carrying on a work,—through many mediums—in different parts of the world.

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Who are they?

Well, my dear reader, it matters not.

We will say that, we are not held in the slavery of fear.

They come to aid us in our work.

They have proved to have been and are now an "ever present help," in all our earthly experiences.

Who constantly radiate a love so true, that we are ever conscious of our own steady, but perhaps, slow growth in advancement and knowledge.

Their presence is a constant inspiration giving strength to our soul, spirit and body.

We realize more and more every day that we are loved, appreciated and understood.

That all our mortal short-comings are looked upon in loving tenderness.

That our daily life is just filled with joyous activity and conscious progress.

We find that, after all, this is a very good world to live in and to work in.

That there is much work to be done.

So we are at some of it, as you see, poor as it is.

When we meet people who are so despondent that they would like to "shuffle off this mortal coil" and die.

Seeking to get rid of unpleasant conditions of this life, much of which is their own making.

We see more clearly than ever that we are indeed blest by our spirit friends.

Who ever have held before us the truth there is much good work to do on this plane.

That we must get into the arena and do ours.

So my dear reader, find out just what work you would love to do, and DO IT.

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That is the only heaven we have ever found, or ever expect to find, here or hereafter.

You will find, after all, that the greatest happiness you will ever know is, when you are able, in any way, to lead at least one soul out of darkness into light.

Whether it relates to material success or spiritual growth and knowledge.

A millionaire once told us the greatest happiness which had ever come into his life was, when he was able to use his wealth to help people, young and old, to create the conditions which would place them in good circumstances in this material world.

The greatest difficulty he found was, to find those who would make good use of his money, not only for themselves, but for others.

Not to abuse his generosity, nor his purpose.

But to use his money to gain a desirable end, for their own comfort and happiness, and that of others.

He did not ask for recognition.

All he asked was, that which he had to give, would be rightly used.

That is the great difficulty which all people of wealth and generous natures meet.

They are all willing to give when they know it is to be rightly used.

Their generosity has been so shamefully abused they are constantly on guard against imposition.

In that desire to guard against imposition they often turn away those who are really deserving, but who lack the appearance of it.

In such cases, JUDGE NOT BY APPEARANCE.

Cultivate your powers of SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT and you will always be able to detect the imposter in every department of life.

This truth can be demonstrated to all who can and

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will lay aside all prejudice and are without fear or favor seeking an intelligent understanding of Spiritual Law, its manifold expressions and its relation to the needs of humanity.

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—VII—

Modern Religious Delusions

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VINCIT OMNIA VERITAS.

CHRIST said:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."—Matthew 24:24.

"A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas."—Matthew 12:39.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves."
—Matthew 7:15.

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CHAPTER VII

THE IDOL WORSHIPER.

You scoff at the naked pagan who worships a god
of stone,
But what is the god you worship—what creed have
you made your own?
You are neither Buddhist nor Brahman, you laugh
at their foolish prayers,
And have made for yourself an idol that pities no
more than theirs.

Can the god that you bow to hear you? Can it
scatter abroad your woes?
It makes you the master of others; it may even con-
found your foes;
But the god that you bow to never can give you the
peace you crave,
Nor wrench from your arm the fingers that are
dragging you to the grave.

You scoff at the naked pagans whose bodies from
scourging bleed,
But what is the god you worship, and what is your
foolish creed?
You are neither Jew nor Christian; your god is a
god of gold,
And daily you kneel before it as your pitiless
prayers are told.

Can the gold that you bow to grant you the solace
for which you pray?
Has it strength to rid you of sorrow? Can it make
your December May?
Can it call from the tomb the loved ones whose
voices you long to hear?
Can it come to you, saying "Courage" when you
cower at night in fear?

You scoff at the naked pagan who offers his sacri-
fice,
And for each of your own god's favors you are
paying a shameful price!
You have builded a golden altar, and daily you
offer there
The hopes of people who curse you because of the
ills they bear.

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You boast that the god you worship has granted
you love's caress,
And has set you to govern others and has raised
you to splendidness,
And proudly you say you are building with marble
and brass and stone
Wherefore in the coming ages your nobleness may
be shown.

Aye, you are building, building, but the temples you
build will stand
Not to your glory or honor as you boast you have
selfishly planned;
They will show to the men of the future the breadth
and the depth of your greed
And proclaim till the last wall crumbles that gold
was your shameful creed.

In the present age of spiritual, mental and physical unrest, the greatest in the history of the human race, it is a very significant condition, which is, at this time, finding an acute expression in all parts of the civilized world.

When one chooses to retrace his steps to ascertain why, at this particular time, there are so many phases of religious thought springing up everywhere, to attract the mortal mind away from the all-important divine truth, he may readily see how the prophecies made by The Christ are in a great measure being fulfilled in this age and generation.

That this age is the beginning of that period—which will find before the close of the present century—the fulfillment of all of the prophecies made by Him.

The present-day systems of so-called new interpretations of His teachings, which have for so many centuries been standing at the door of the mortal consciousness of man commanding recognition.

It is strange to see how each and all of these new interpreters—under their own name and title—claim to have the only true and perfect way to a realization of the true teachings of The Christ.

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Jesus gave forth the statement that the time would come—in this cycle—when false Christs and false prophets would arise, who would appear as wolves in sheep's clothing, who would show great signs and wonders, to lure man away from the true and only interpretation of Divine Law, which He revealed.

How well we see His prophecies fulfilled in these latter-day teachings of supposed spiritual truths, under many aliases, of what may well be termed this "demonstration period."

Man is looking all around and about him seeking to find the truth which will satisfy that eternal longing within.

Yet how well is he paying no heed to the command of The Christ, for He said, "**The Kingdom of Heaven is within you.**"

Everywhere we see how man is persistently and insistently disregarding this command.

He is not looking within to find heaven.

He is looking all around and about him.

Wandering after new things, places and personalities.

Hoping, ever hoping to find in **external** things, that "peace which passeth all understanding."

It will never be found in external things; the sooner humanity learns that fact the sooner they will be ready to take the first step toward finding peace.

At the close of our late civil war,—when the country was in a state of physical disruption,—the energies of the people were directed toward the necessity of restoring the shattered elements of our national physical forces, that the country should arise to a greater degree of commercial activity, prosperity, power and glory.

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The element which had so long blocked its progress —human slavery—had been destroyed by that conflict.

They who had but a few months before been so frantically clutching at each other's throats, each seeking to destroy the other—in defense of a principle which was so dear to each,—had ceased.

The end had come, as it always does to mortal conflicts.

The nation arose from its ruins.

Instantly sprang into greater but peaceful activity.

United under one banner, one common purpose, one national brotherhood, to restore order out of chaos.

What to-day is more inspiring than to see the men who fought the battles,—not the political demagogues —striving to establish the country in its perfect strength and majesty.

That America shall lead the world in every expression of national solidarity, prove to all the world, that this is the one country for all good people.

About the close of the civil war there resided in Lynn, Mass., a woman whose reputation as a clairvoyant, seer, medium and prophetess was locally well established.

She was in great favor among many who were accredited with being of the learned and cultured of—the Hub.

She saw with great intuitive accuracy that the material tendency of the age was toward realms of thought other than that which was embraced in Modern Spiritualism, of which she then was a distinguished representative.

She saw that the church, as a whole, was losing its hold upon the mortal minds of the masses.

The church taught fear.

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The country had just emerged from a terrible conflict in which fear as a dominant factor had played no part.

Fear had in a great measure been purged from the minds of the people.

The North had won the victory.

The South had generously accepted the decision made at Appomattox.

The boys in blue and the boys in gray had clasped hands across the bloody chasm of civil strife.

Had become friends, brothers, instead of foes.

All were ready to turn their united efforts to quickly effect a restoration of the shattered elements of power and a more perfect development of the natural resources of the nation.

About this time Mary Baker Glover Eddy saw with clear perception that the time was ripe to establish a system of religious thought which would have for its principal and fundamental truth, THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, and the creation of the thought of LOVE.

She came out with the statement that she had "discovered" Christian Science.

Which, from a very small beginning has grown into its present colossal proportions.

Counting its followers and adherents by the thousands.

Is growing so rapidly that some of its most devout people are questioning if it is a healthy growth of religious or spiritual awakening, or is it the result of an extraordinary spasmodic material attraction which is now drawing so many to its ranks.

There is nothing in the teachings of Christian Science which has not been before the world for many centuries.

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There is really nothing new to teach in any and all of these new religious systems.

Jesus taught, lived and demonstrated the whole Law of The Spirit.

Which is claimed to be incorporated in Christian Science and many other cults.

There was no one, not even Mrs. Eddy, to "discover" Christian Science.

It was discovered many centuries ago.

Jesus came to teach and fulfill it all.

All that Mrs. Eddy may rightly claim to have at any time "discovered" is the name of the cult of which she is the recognized head, Christian Science.

What a wonderful discovery.

Two words upon which she has builded a monument to herself to perpetuate her name before the world of mortal thought and action.

Humanity loves to run after an "up-to-date" idea and personality.

Something they can see, hear and bow down before.

This is demonstrated in all departments of life.

The age in which we live is one in which the cry of the mortal mind is, "show me."

We must have a tangible, visible "demonstration."

So Mrs. Eddy gave them an idea how they could effect a "demonstration."

She taught them that by eliminating all thoughts of fear from their minds, creating thoughts of love, they would become healed.

In other words they would, in that way, get the "devil"—"hell"—out of them.

Hate and fear create the only hell that exists.

The moment the mortal consciousness is delivered of all thoughts of hate and fear, the "devil" ceases to

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exist; hell is no longer existent; hate is banished; sin is not committed; the individual is then loving; is then healed.

"To love is to fulfill the law."

When the mortal mind ceases to hate and learns how to love, disease no longer finds an abiding place in the mind.

When disease is no longer in the mind it never will be found in the body.

This fact always has been true.

Was not "discovered" by Mrs. Eddy nor any modern mortal interpreter of spiritual law.

It was taught and demonstrated in all its beauty, simplicity and perfectness by The Christ.

The remarkable growth of the commercial prosperity of this country during the past forty years has made the mortal consciousness of humanity very material in aspiration.

The gigantic fortunes created out of the natural resources of the country,—as individualized in the colossal fortunes of our multi-millionaires—has been the cause of creating in the minds of the young men and women of our generation, an inordinate and wholesale lust for money which has assumed appalling proportions.

This desire has been seized upon by a large number of unscrupulous charlatans who are using even the name and the teachings of The Christ, in a wild endeavor to show the people when, where and how they may utilize the power and the principles of Divine Law to satisfy this abnormal lust for money, and what it may purchase.

Seeking to teach them how they may create something out of nothing and without labor.

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By what they choose to term the power of "concentration."

To draw out of the "invisible elements" their material supply, by the power of thought.

Simply to gratify the lusts of the flesh.

Without recourse to honorable labor.

Herein we have the evidence of the very great attractive power of Christian Science and many other latter-day religious diversions.

Mrs. Eddy told her followers, that by eliminating fear from their minds, substituting the element of love, their own power within their own soul, becomes a creative instead of a destructive force.

That diseases and their effects would be removed from all outward expression; that they would look very healthy and successful; as the most pronounced evidence of success in the mortal world, is perfect health.

That when they ceased to hate and had learned how to love, they would construct successfully.

That they would "demonstrate" success, health, peace and all the good things of the mortal life.

They began to construct successfully in their individual life and have so far advanced as to apply it to the construction of larger material lines.

One expression is the large number of their churches.

The attractive quality of thought which actuates the minds of people who are drawn into that church is not the principles the church is supposed to represent, but that they may become identified with a class of people who have "demonstrated success."

Not spiritual success, but material.

There is a vast difference between these two qualities of success and their effect upon the growth of the soul.

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The idea was, that a demonstration of material success meant spiritual success, or, the real success of the soul.

Little realizing that the real success of the soul upon this earth plane is not a physical demonstration, but soul awakening, spiritual growth and consciousness.

That GOD is all there is, the One Reality, in whom we live, move and have our being, was not "discovered" by Mrs. Eddy nor any modern apostle.

It is a truth man has been reciting and trying to realize since the dawn of his mortal consciousness.

It has been reserved for many others beside Mrs. Eddy, to see how successfully it might be prostituted for commercial purposes.

Christ and His apostles gave their lives to preach and demonstrate the Law of Pure Spirit.

It was reserved for a commercialized age to learn how the beautiful truth in The Christ could be prostituted to a scientific system of finance.

To show how well it may be measured out to mortal humanity at so many dollars per head.

All who are awake to the real state of affairs do not need tabulated statements to prove how mortals have fallen under the magic spell of these new and commercialized cults.

Such as,

New Thought,
Divine Science,
Christian Science,
Spiritual Healing,
Divine Healing,
Practical Christianity,
Raja Yoga,
Emanuel Movement,
Mental Science,
Dowieism.
Soul Culture,
Science of Being,

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and a multitude of similar forms and titles to attract the attention of mortal humanity to this new state of things.

In every city, town and hamlet, there are people who stand ready to attempt to teach you how to utilize this beautiful truth of The Christ for purely commercial purposes.

Who will offer, for cash only, to lead you out of the maze of all your mortal distress—of every character—into a wholesale realization of the glories of material success, of every kind and character, from dollars to matrimony.

Will also, for cash only, attempt to teach you how you may learn to prostitute your divine power to make matrimony bring you dollars, and label it love.

All over the world there are individuals and organizations who are offering "opportunities" for cash only, to "searchers after truth" to obtain the "gift of God," to promote any and all manner of commercial, political, social, domestic, foreign or any other kind of pursuit, which selfishness might desire.

They will attempt to teach you how you may be able to prostitute the "power of the spirit" for any base, selfish and wicked purpose you may choose to name.

Yet, strange as it may appear, this system of commercializing the "power of the spirit" was instituted by no less a personage than the "discoverer" and "founder" of Christian Science.

Out of which have sprung these latter-day systems.

We here give some facts how the public is approached and swindled by these "discoverers."

When Mrs. Eddy "evoluted" from a clairvoyant medium into the "discoverer" of Christian Science, she lent a very gracious ear to opportunity.

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Was perfectly willing to impart her "discovery" to all who desired to enroll as members.

For such "gracious enrollment" the price was $300 for each pupil, and,—she got it.

For proof of which, ask her healers.

Out of this system have arisen many systems.

Some of which we will here enumerate.

We however assume that the reader is a very fair-minded person.

Who can and will look a condition,—however very unpleasant—squarely in the face, calmly and dispassionately dissect it, arriving at a just conclusion without prejudice, fear or favor.

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A New York advertiser offers:

> "To give you a complete course in the 'Science of Life' for $10. Cosmic Consciousness is power, full and complete instructions for normal psychological development of conscious and sub-conscious powers."

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A Massachusetts teacher advertises

> "To give you lessons in mental healing enabling you to get and keep anything you want, from health to money. Terms moderate."

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A former Chicago teacher, who, for many well-known reasons, has removed to Battle Creek, is now advocating "Toasties" for spiritual growth and consciousness—

> "offers to impart to you by mail, sealed, if you please, 'The Sacred Science of Regeneration' for a $10 bill, in advance, please. With privileges of correspondence. Will also tell you how to find the mystic words of mighty power and the heal-

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ing currents from the battery of life, and some other words too numerous to mention.''

To see this special teacher of the ''Sacred Science of Regeneration'' the reader would plainly see how lacking he is in the knowledge of the law of ''regeneration,'' and why it would require something more substantial than ''toasties'' to develop a healthy state of mortal consciousness. Strange how readily some men who, at a certain time in their life, will evolve some scheme to teach people how to regenerate their lost powers in certain physical directions and then label it with a high sounding title of spiritual import.

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Another advertiser

''For fifty cents will send you a letter from the 'silence'; bring you comfort if you are in sorrow.''

How nice. To be lifted out of sorrow for 50 cents. The advertiser is seldom in the ''silence'' but spends much of his time lolling around enjoying life on the money he has ''lifted'' from people who are in ''sorrow.''

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Another asks:

''Is your soul starving? If it is, seek the words of the advertiser, which will give life, peace to soul, and health to your body and flesh.''

All this for just twenty-five cents, just think of that.

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A publisher of a New Thought magazine

''Offers to give four lessons, on the perfect 'Realization of Health and Success.' If you will respond at once with $3, and for this sum in addition to these valuable lessons, which, according

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to testimonials, have cured rheumatism, blackheads, wrinkles, pimples, moles, warts, corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, etc. You will also receive books, motto cards, worth $3.50, and a Madonna picture and a half-tone of 'Margareta,' the beautiful girl from South America, who is being raised on the no-meat plan."

Poor child, what she is missing. They had to go to the wilds of South America to find a child who would submit to the no-meat plan, rather difficult to find a bright, healthy, breezy North American girl who would want to submit to a no-meat diet. What a fallacy to try to educate people to think they can grow spiritually by dieting. When humanity reaches a state of spiritual consciousness the diet is regulated by that consciousness. The consciousness is not regulated by the diet.

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Another publisher

"Will send you free a valuable self-healing lesson now selling for twenty-five cents. Enclose a two-cent stamp for postage."

Probably worth the postage as a curiosity.

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Another publisher of a magazine

"will send you for only twelve cents, if you will order now, a series of his own healing lessons telling you how to heal the sick by prayer, Divine Science, laying on of hands, etc., etc., etc.

He certainly loves to lay hands on your cash even if the fee is not very excessive.

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A Michigan teacher

"will send by express, twenty-five pages of personal, typewritten instructions to prospective

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mothers telling them how, through divine will, they may be able to produce any desired type of genius, musician, inventor, artist, lawyer, capitalist, etc., etc., all for $3, and in advance please.''

The reader will notice that none of these remarkable types can be produced except for cash, paid him, and in advance.

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A California teacher

''Will give fourteen lectures on the 'Philosophy of Living' and the price is $35.''

He does not say if these lectures are ''curtain lectures'' or not. We know several men who would give more than $35. to be safe and secure against ''curtain'' lectures from their good wives. Do they deserve them? Never! never!

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A Boston teacher

''for $60 will give his 'System of Philosophy Concerning Divinity,' if you will enroll quickly as a student to his correspondence course, you may have the entire course for $15.''

You will note that if you enroll quickly it is $15. He does not say what the discount will be if you should come in on a ''double quick.''

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A Kentucky author

''hopes you will send for her 'remarkable' book. It explains the simple law of life, and its truths are 'simply marvelous'.''

Now you have it, the law of life, all for one dollar.

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A Chicago female of uncertain age

''begs to announce that 'Jesus Has Come To The World' and only through her; that He has writ-

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ten through her a book giving a history of His moral life and spiritual work, up to the present time.''

This is one of the worst cases of Obsession which is at large. What will the end be? Insanity.

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A Los Angeles school of Metaphysics

''begs to announce that its curriculum includes the practical truths of all other mind-healing methods; complete course, consisting of two sets of lectures, for only $10. Cash in advance.''

You will note that this school has no practical truths of its own, but has all that the others have.

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A New York League of Right Living

''will send you two courses of instruction, by mail, and sealed, the price of No. 1, (twelve lessons) on the attainment of mental and physical health and the inter-relation of mind and body, being $3.25. Course No. 2 consists of twelve text books on Psychopathy, for $18, net. The league also publishes a monthly magazine at $1 per year. Will give prompt and full attention to all letters on private and personal matters. Price per letter, $1.''

We advise you to keep your ''private affairs'' to yourself and under no circumstances put them on paper, even to your friends.

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A California ''Soul Culture Institute''

''offers a complete mail course in 'Suggestion,' 'Art of Living,' 'Self-Healing,' 'Inspiration,' 'Concentration,' 'Psychic Development,' etc., etc.; $10 for each course. The catalogue says: 'If you are searching for a clear exposition of what is known as New Thought you will find this to be the

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fountain where you may drink and be satisfied.' The course in 'Suggestion' is for progressive people—those who want something good and are willing to pay a legitimate price for the same. The knowledge gained from these lessons saves doctor's bills, failures and discontent, and insures health, prosperity and happiness."

"The course in the 'Art of Living' is defined as the 'Key to Healing and Self-Development in All Spiritual Gifts.' The institute also conducts a summer school of New Thought. This school, it is stated, is conducted by a teacher who has no superior in the nation. Price, $10. The president of this institute also gives absent treatments for all manner of human ills, even matrimony—$10 for three months. The president will also read your character; will also give you advice on all matters of life, particularly private matters. He has had thirty years' experience and rarely fails to read correctly, $1."

Residents of the Reno colony should avail themselves of this great offer. It is cheaper than Reno lawyers. Just think of being treated for divorce for three months for only Ten Dollars! If the reader would like to have his or her character read, and well read, just kick up a row with your next door neighbor. What you will learn about your character would put all the knowledge of the president of this institute in the shade. If you are so fortunate as to have a mother-in-law, just go to her, get her angry, and we will wager her reading will startle you by its remarkable accuracy.

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A Boston School of Unfoldment

"Announces a 'New Heaven and a New Earth;' may be had by means of the lessons it has for sale. By mail, $1."

My dear reader, which will you take "Heaven" or "Earth" by this route. Most people want the earth,

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some people have much of it in their possession. Still they are not satisfied, but want more, more, more, and still more.

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A New York School of New Thought offers

> "The Course on Cosmic Consciousness is $25.
> "The New Thought Healing Course is $25.
> "The Course on Grapho-Psychology, The Science of Success, is $10.
> "Psychology of The Breath is $5, etc., etc."

We know many people whose breath would psychologize you if you should ever get within range of it, and it would not cost you one red cent, but it has cost them more than a "V" to get it. Who are they? Well, that would not be fair.

> "Also lessons on the 'Two Atmospheres and Pranic Union.' Six lessons on the 'Secret of Abundance' for $25, etc., etc."

Carnegie will tell you the secret of his abundance for nothing. Don't pay $25. Save your money. Just write him a good sensible letter—if you can—he will answer it. He has a keen sense of the humorous.

> "Also 'Divine Opulence,' 'Abundance of Supply,' 'Conscious Ideation,' 'Divine Transference,' etc., etc. The entire course comprises forty lessons. All for $100."

The reader will see that the average price of these lessons is $2.50. They would be dear at 25 cents each.

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A Colorado "School of Divine Science" offers a

TEACHERS' AND PRACTITIONERS' COURSE.

(Five Classes Required for Diploma.)

Primary class	$10.00
Training class (Individual, $25.00)	10.00
Bible Study	15.00
Normal class	15.00
Graduating class	25.00

(Students enter graduating class by special permission of the board.)

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MINISTERIAL COURSE.

(Three Classes required for Diploma. Given to Graduates only.)

Higher Training.....$50.00
Theological 50.00
Consecration 50.00

(No course given by correspondence; student must be present.)

You will be at liberty to hang your diploma on the wall so that the people who may come to see you will know that you are a full-fledged minister of "Divine Science" otherwise you never could make them believe it.

Where does this system differ from the old ecclesiastical humbuggery?

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A Washington Metaphysical "University" also

> "prepares students to teach and heal; the course is completed in one month and the price is $100."

Note the very short time it will take for you to be able—under this system—to become ready to heal, but they do not say what you will be able to heal, but you must first have the $100, then you may find out.

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But now, if you want the only true, unadulterated, simon-pure article in matters divine, if you want the ne-plus-ultra of all spiritual instruction and divine revelation, there appears to be but one, and only one way open to you, that is a correspondence course in a New York School of Metaphysics. The President (?) of this school says:

> "If you want the real thing in healing knowledge you must have these courses, for nothing else equally efficient in Ideas, System and Power has ever been produced anywhere. The strength and beauty of this system have not been surpassed by any philosophy of modern thought.

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Thinkers have declared that it contains the foundation of the religion of the future. We feel that the world should have the true statement about this but we find it impossible to state half of the actual truth about it without endangering our reputation for veracity. Course VI is a book handsomely bound in full Morocco, gold edge, and furnished with a strong lock, as the contents are so important and very private, being issued to Graduating Pupils only. No such book as this exists anywhere in the world. The real value of its contents is inestimable. Those who patiently follow this system as planned will gain a knowledge that cannot otherwise be obtained and gain a power unknown to the outside world. A supplemental course may be had for $500. Should anyone have the courage to doubt the value of so large an investment, they will be sent a twelve-page circular of testimonials.''

Just think, that this system is greater than that of any which has ever been given to the world.

That is what the president (?) says.

Also that it contains the foundation of the religion of the future.

Ye gods, did you ever listen to such conceit?

He says the half could not be told without endangering his reputation for truth and veracity.

Is it not wonderful how many people there are who are so very careful about telling the truth for fear that it would endanger their reputation?

The ''Graduating Pupils'' are to have a **nicely** bound book. With a **nice** lock upon it.

That they may take this **really nicely bound book** and put it **gently** away.

Far from the **vulgar eyes** of the world.

Have a book the **vulgar world** has not.

Will be one of the ''exclusive set'' of pupils who have ''graduated'' from this ''school of science.''

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If you have any doubts about this "wonderful" system and have to have the facts shown you—for you might doubt the president's (?) statement—you shall have a circular sent you,—sealed—giving you the names of some of the "graduates" who have been thoroughly "doped" with this system.

Is it any wonder that P. T. Barnum said that "there was a fool born every minute and none ever die?"

He certainly played the game of humbuggery to the limit and was successful, but he never did it in the name of The Christ.

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There are certain healers who, for one reason or another,—no one seems able to tell—regard themselves as better able to dispense this great spiritual knowledge, and they regulate their prices accordingly. Here is the card of one:

Special Interview	$3.00
Present attention	2.00
Absent Attention	2.00
Continuous Attention, per hour	10.00
Special Letters	$2 to 5.00
Letters of Instruction	10.00
Instruction in Class	100.00
Instruction by Correspondence	50.00

It is healers of this class who will promise you anything and everything you want—but it is always—cash in advance.

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One of the "freak cards" sent out by one of the kind who has a cherubic face:

> "One case free. I will heal one case free in each neighborhood, no matter what the disease or how serious. A healed case is my best adv., etc., etc., etc."

Did you ever read a more extravagant statement of any kind and character than this?

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Some of these healers distribute circulars setting forth their own merits and try to influence business by backing up their conceits with enthusiastic testimonials, which are mostly written by themselves.

Patent medicine is no longer the proper way to "dope" the gullible public—that belongs to the past.

The "power of the spirit" will be sent—so these healers say—into your whiskey, sarsaparilla, soft drinks, hard drinks, ice cream, tea, coffee, or any kind of liquid or food you may choose to name.

One of these healers advertises he is a "D. D. H." Do you know what that means? We will tell you: It is Double Distilled Humbug. He says there is not a case he cannot cure, but—cash in advance, please.

Some of them are very bold, who publish a magazine in conjunction with their work as healers.

They contribute the greater part of the reading matter while the advertisements and testimonials are very often written by themselves to "help business."

Note what one says:

> "I give treatments for Health, Happiness and Prosperity. The universe is in you. Else you could not be a part of the universe. Treatments are given to this paper. Also to the pink paper and envelopes used in our correspondence. I will call your name in the Silence and send you vibrations by transference of thought. This is mental fellowship. There is also the financial fellowship. For you want what you want when you want it. Send me one dollar a month for one treatment each day and enrollment in the Fellowship. Five dollars a month will give you treatments several times a day. Correspondence confidential and sacred to myself and wife. You can open your souls to us. We love you, etc., etc."

They will "love you" just as long as you send in the cash, and when you cease paying, they will cease

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"loving." We would advise the reader never to open his life to this pair of pirates.

The practice of "treating their magazine" is a great feature of this pair of "new thoughters" and of all who are engaged in this kind of "bunco steering" they are indeed the limit. If you buy space in their sheet they will offer to treat you free, claiming to be able to bring big returns by their "superior" treatments.

Ask some of the advertisers if you want to know how well it has worked out. You will be able to find out who was "worked"—the advertiser or the consumer.

Many of these healers also will, for cash only, in advance, offer to treat your handkerchiefs, hats, clothes, boots, shoes, slippers, rubbers, gloves, umbrellas, horses, carriages, autos, in fact any kind of merchandise, not only for health, financial prosperity, but for the love of the one you want. The one who wants you is left out in the cold. All of these things according to these healers may be had by their "special system of spiritual treatments."

The result you never hear of, for the "dupes" are so ashamed that they have been so finely played for fools, they are only too glad to go into the "silence" and commune with themselves.

What they really do think of themselves would be rather difficult to learn, but one may nearly and very correctly imagine; we have heard the stories of a few.

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A lady in an Ohio city says she has the only "Christ Way of Healing" and tells you "How to Get in Tune with Yourself" by her system. She says:

"I tell you how Earth produces love. How Water produces Health. How Food can be eaten

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> to produce wealth. How to find the Gold Center in the body and how to vibrate it to the House of Supply. How to choose your mate. How to 'tune up' your present mate. How to 'tune up' your physical senses to any rate of vibration. How to 'tune up' to breathe. How to 'tune up' so you may dip into the future and have anything you want. Special instructions how to 'tune up' so you may be able to see, hear and feel. How to raise your 'tunes' into 'soul tones,' etc., etc., etc."

This lady says her work is endorsed by bank presidents, cashiers, and other financial men who have tried it.

And her charges—oh! yes, $50 for twelve monthly lessons and exercises.

She also sells to her "advanced pupils" those who get diplomas, two "beauty recipes" which remove freckles, tan, sunburn, blotches, blackheads, etc., etc., etc.

She says she likes to sell these "recipes" to her pupils to help them "grow" in the "Christ Way," etc., etc., etc.

So, my dear reader, you see you are invited by this lady—who is the daughter of a minister—to buy her "freckle lotion" in order that you may grow spiritually. She has quite a number of people who have written her testimonials endorsing her "lotion" for spiritual purposes.

We have one of these endorsements before us, that of a bank manager, who says she is a "wonder." We wonder if he had freckles or blackheads, or both.

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Another Chicago lady who says she is "The Shepherdess of Paradise"—now don't get mixed, it is very important—she is "The Shepherdess of Paradise" the real thing, not of "Paradise Alley."

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She tells her deluded followers that she is the only one on earth through whom any soul can ever get to Paradise, for she is the one and only true "shepherdess."

If the reader should ever become anxious to get to Paradise, and the only way was through the ministrations of this woman, we know that if you ever saw her and had a few minutes' conversation with her, you would instantly get upon your knees and pray to God and the whole angel world to send you to hell.

Hell would indeed be preferable to Paradise if she was the one who was to pilot you.

This woman was at one time a very fine medium for materialization and other phases.

A gentleman who is one of her "converts" has for his "guides" ALL of THE APOSTLES.

Not one, mind you, but ALL of them.

She says she is the only one on the earth plane through whom the apostles are able to materialize, as she is "The Shepherdess of Paradise."

It might as well be said, right here, that the gentleman is of good financial standing.

That is why he has all of the apostles come to him through her mediumship.

It is wonderful what great talents are sure to be discovered in you—by some mediums—when they have learned that you have money or good social standing, or both.

It may also well be said that the gentleman is one of the worst cases of frenzied obsession we have ever heard of or have seen.

This woman was at one time a splendid channel for spirit forces to operate through, but she has now sunk so low in wickedness that her former forces have departed; she is now in the hands of one of the worst

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combinations of degraded psychic obsessing forces rarely met.

Her police record in this city is one of the worst in the annals of prostituted mediumship.

Her mediumship is practically gone.

Thus is the Law of The Spirit fulfilled.

Of all the cases of a wilful, wicked prostitution of spiritual gifts to a perverted mortal ambition, this is one of the most flagrant we have ever known.

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A well known New Thought Society has recently adopted a very novel scheme of sending "A Blessed Dollar Bill" to any one who might ask for it.

Each one of the "blessed dollars" is "specially treated" for "good luck" and "prosperity."

Is guaranteed through the "Power of the Holy Spirit" which is manipulated by this society, to bring "success" to any and all who receive it and uses it.

This novel feature was inaugurated for the purpose of raising funds for the society.

The method by which the power of The Holy Spirit was to be used in this case is outlined in a recent issue of this society;

Read what they say:

> "We will send you a dollar bill which has received a blessing, with a daily prosperity statement, which you are to use every day until Dec. 25th; when it is to be returned to us, with the increase which has come as the result of the treatment. We are so sure that the law will work for the faithful that we are willing to send out thousands of dollars on trust. All we ask is faithfulness in believing in God our supply, in making daily the statements for prosperity which will accompany the dollar."

The one who is so "fortunate" as to receive one of

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these "blessed dollars" signed the following:

> "I acknowledge the trust imposed in me by The Holy Spirit in the deposit of a Prosperity Dollar, which symbol of the One Power I shall daily recognize in thought and word, etc., etc."

After getting this "blessed dollar" this is what the receiver is to say:

> "Thou, O God, art My Mighty Resource and I trust and believe in Thy Unfailing Bounty constantly increasing and multiplying in my mind and affairs, through the consciousness of the Lord Jesus Christ."

How well did the plan succeed?

Is money, too, made in capitalizing divinity?

Read what the society announces following the returns of the first installment of "anointed" dollars:

> "At this writing the returns are not all in. But a rough estimate may be made. We sent out $2,300, of which 90 per cent has been returned to us with an increase of 150 per cent."

This means that the society invested $2,300 and received in return $5,175. All within the period of less than two months.

How these "blessed dollars" were manipulated by the "Power of The Holy Spirit" as "controlled" by this society "prospering" those who were so fortunate as to receive them, and at the same time earn a great profit for the society, is best shown in the following "testimonials" which are good examples, from among the large number of letters received by the society:

> "I enclose my Prosperity Dollar with the Increase amounting to $5—$4 increase, the result of eight days' holding the thought and five days' practical work investing the dollar in material sandwiches and selling the same."

EIGHT DAYS holding the "thought" and FIVE DAYS of "practical work."

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Giving a net profit of $4.

THIRTEEN DAYS' labor and only $4.

An average of 31 cents per day.

Not a very great sum for so many days' labor.

We wonder how many sandwiches he would have sold if he had peddled them for the WHOLE THIRTEEN DAYS.

It is not recorded how much "commission" the peddler of the sandwiches received.

He took the "blessed dollar," invested it in sandwiches and sold the whole lot for $5, making $4 on the speculation, then turned in the $5 to the society, both capital and profit, leaving this great salesman "way up on the beach" with nothing.

You say the fools are not all dead?

Quite right, my friend. Read some more:

> "I have enjoyed the Prosperity Dollar and watched results. I have thus far realized $1.25. First I was on the trolley car, when a lady who had owed me 25 cents for so long that I had forgotten it, called out to me and came and put the 25 cents in my hand. I am very faithfully holding the WORD."

And you say, my dear reader, that the "Power of The Holy Spirit" cannot be utilized as a collection agency?

When such magnificent (?) results are so easily and readily obtained.

Gentlemen of the commercial world, wake up.

This is your opportunity of opportunities.

The way to collect your bad accounts, "sure thing."

Think of it, no commissions to pay, for having the collections made.

All you have to do is to follow the "instructions" of this "society."

Holler to God, and presto! The trick is done.

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The delinquent debtor walks right up to you.
You open your hand, and lo!
The coin is there before you.
Your profit and loss account looks better.
Do you wonder, my dear reader, **that Jesus drove the money changers out of the Temple?**

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The curing of financial ills as well as all physical ailments, is a phase of the New Thought that has reached large proportions.

Is still being "developed" to an alarming extent.

Those who are versed in "truth" are not confining themselves to bodily ailments and mental disturbances.

They will give you "treatments" for poverty, loss of position, lack of success in love or business, etc., etc.

One woman advertises that she will reveal to you, for one dollar, how to obtain and hold tight "Our Invisible Supply" and says:

> "We cannot conceive how anyone can remain in poverty and misfortune after reading this book."

It would be worth your time to read this book.

It is admitted by experts of the New Thought "dope" that this book is the limit of trash.

As a curiosity it is well worth keeping.

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A brother "philanthropist" a professional purveyor of "arcana celestia" will also, for one dollar, sell you the "path to power" and says:

> "You can double your earning power with no increase of work."

Just think of what a nice thing that is.

Be able to double your earning power without an

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increase of work, and all this can be done reading a book, but—it is his book, and for one dollar.

This man is also a manipulator of a gold mining stock which he is trying to unload upon all who are very anxious to find "the path to power."

It might be well, perhaps, to remind the reader, that if he really wants to know where the path to power is, **just take hold of some honorable employment and hustle, hustle—that is the real path to power.**

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Another will show you "How to Grow Success" for 50 cents.

There are many people who will tell you how to grow hair for 50 cents. Are you bald?

There are many men who will honestly say their good wives are able to raise their hair for even less than 50 cents. How do we know?

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Another says:

> "When I want anything I always go to the place where I can get everything I want without being turned down. . . . I go to Almighty God. . . If I want money I ask Him for it. . . . I want money and I want plenty. . . . I do not want to be pinched. . . . The Almighty Dollar is but a symbol of Almighty God. . . . When God says to you 'I am money,' you can safely get out your bank book."

And so the Almighty Dollar is the Creation of God, to enable Him to hand down to His children the money they want to gratify the abnormal appetites of the flesh.

Yet the Master said:

"For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

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What a distinction between the words of the Master and the statement of this New Thought charlatan, this hypocrite of hypocrites.

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We have shown in the display of some of the very extravagant claims of these New Thought hypocrites, how the cupidity of humanity is appealed to in this nauseating way.

They are led to believe that as God is our supply, that He will give us anything and everything we may want, without work.

Like spoiled children, all we have to do is to "holler" to Him, when we become "broke" and He will hand down the cash, without our doing anything as compensation.

That we may go on satisfying our selfish, sensuous appetites with the money He will so generously provide for the mere "hollering" we do.

And this is said to be a "demonstration" of the "Power of The Holy Spirit" an evidence of spirituality.

Ye gods! what a sacrilege.

What a prostitution of Divine Power.

Yet there is one great truth which is supreme.

"Vengeance is mine," saith The Law. "I will repay."

These are but a few of what is at the present time appearing before the world, all exponents of New Thought.

How well the prophecies of old are being fulfilled in this present-day system of teaching.

Teaching you how you may prostitute the power of Heaven to serve your own selfish, wicked ends.

And this in an age of spiritual unrest and aspiration.

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When such abominable teaching is offered to bait the cupidity of man to separate him from his money, under the disgusting subterfuge that it is a realization of the Power of The Holy Spirit.

These people are offering to teach all who have the cash—cash only counts with them—how they may prostitute their very highest power to the very lowest purposes upon this plane.

They dare to call themselves spiritual teachers and followers of The Christ.

But instead, it is a wilful prostitution of The Law of The Spirit.

Where will it all end?

There is but one ending.

Disaster to the soul that practices such wilful prostitution and for all who follow after it.

It may mean apparent material success for a time.

But in the end, dismal failure.

Woe be unto that soul who purposely violates the Law of The Spirit to achieve a base purpose.

We ask the reader, in all fairness, if you are looking for material success, if you are very anxious for dollars, let us look at the people who have so many dollars—how did they get them?

Are the great "captains of industry," the men who are in control of the gigantic combinations of capital, who direct the vast enterprises which are the financial successes of the age, whose keen intellects combine vast resources into compact form and are the means of giving honorable employment to millions of people, are they studying "New Thought" for material success?

Are they studying any system of religion?

Are they purposely seeking the Law of The Spirit to learn how they may use that power in the name of The Christ to create dollars without labor?

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Would they employ a man who would advocate such wicked principles?

Is the vast commercial power of this country built upon such a degraded perversion of thought?

Is commercial honor and integrity founded upon such wicked and wilful prostitution of the higher elements of man?

Rather are they not studying the system of finance?

Yet the financial system is not a divine creation.

It is the creation of individualized souls who are in a mortal state of consciousness.

The acme of selfishness.

It is no more a manifestation of The Law of Pure Spirit, than the stars are the creation of the mortal mind.

Yet these same financial magnates—who make no pretensions for spiritual aspiration or growth—would spew out of their commercial mouths these detestable vipers who would seek to use Divine Law for such a wicked purpose.

Would not under any circumstances, employ a man in any position of trust or responsibility, who was identified, in any way, with such villianous work.

Or who would attempt to use the power of The Spirit in the name of The Christ to serve their own devilish ends.

The great "captains of industry" the men who go out into the world to play the great game of finance in which the "survival of the fittest" is the watchword, may be devoid, to all appearances, of an appreciation of the value of a truly Christian life, but when a man or woman crosses their path who is reeking with the slimy hypocrisy of spiritual pretensions, and these same men become aware of it, they turn upon these hypocrites with a force incomprehensible to one who has not seen an expression of their attitude.

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Why do they do this? Because down deep in the souls of these same men is that divine spark, which we call God.

It may be buried amid the rubbish of material desires and an inordinate lust for money, but all that is needed to bring it into active expression is for one of these slimy, smooth, oily, hypocritical demagogues of pretended spirituality, to cross their path, and that divine spark rises and rules the occasion; out goes the hypocrite; peacefully if possible; forcibly if needed; but down and out he goes.

Out of the elements of the earth man has created and fashioned the financial system of the age.

The wealth of the world is used by him to gratify his mortal ambition for supremacy and lust for power.

Not to achieve spiritual growth.

While it has its place amid the great activities of the mortal plane of life, in meeting the physical needs of the body, and a quick medium of exchange.

MAN HAS GROWN TO WORSHIP THE WEALTH HE HAS CREATED. DOES NOT LOVE GOD, WHO CREATED HIM.

Thus we see this mad lust for wealth and what may be purchased with it.

The power which may be utilized by its possession.

To satisfy the ambitions, appetites and propensities of the mortal mind of man.

Jesus was the highest embodiment of the Law of The Spirit which has ever appeared upon the earth.

He did not possess material wealth.

He owned no stocks nor bonds.

Nor real estate.

Nor gold nor silver.

In fact, absolutely nothing material.

He had no place to lay His head.

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Yet He healed the sick—the lepers.

He restored the sight of the blind.

The speech of the dumb.

The hearing of the deaf.

Commanded the waves to be stilled.

Filled the fishermen's nets with fishes.

Fed thousands with a few loaves of bread.

Turned water into wine.

Raised the dead.

In a multitude of spiritual manifestations demonstrated His command over the elements of the earth.

For which He received no material reward.

He did not ask material reward.

For what did He do that work?

For what did He labor without money and without price?

To prove that man is a Divine Creation.

That when he rises to the heights of spiritual consciousness, he commands the elements of the earth.

He does not worship them.

Lives and works only in a divine love for humanity.

Jesus toiled and suffered that man should rise.

Should become awakened to the realization of spiritual things, spiritual power and love.

To realize the nothingness of all things material.

That material things are for purely material purposes, not to be made gods of.

He left the legacy of His love that all shall grow to become like Him.

Share with Him the glories of a knowledge of the Supremacy of The Law of The Spirit.

But our up-to-date modern healers.

For what are they offering to teach and demonstrate the Law of The Spirit?

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Which they arrogantly claim to command.

Simply for cash, cold hard cash, and cash only.

Do you hear of their doing His work?

Do you hear of their doing work like His?

Do you hear of their commanding the Law as He Did?

Do you ever hear them say:

"The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father, that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works"?

How long could they stand in meekness and lowliness of spirit, with the power of The Spirit upon them?

What do you think they would do if they could turn water into wine?

Would they do it to prove to mortal man the Supremacy of The Law of The Spirit?

Or, would they do it to sell the wine to the nearest saloon-keeper for cash?

Then, parade up and down our fashionable thoroughfares arrayed in fine raiment, exclaiming:

"See what I have demonstrated!"

My good friend, the reader, do some thinking.

There is no time like the present.

Just take a good look at the people who are so valiantly pretending to teach and demonstrate, for cash,

"Cosmic Consciousness."

What do you think is their state of consciousness?

Look at the living exponents of "The Science of Being" and many others of similar hue.

Study the faces of the "great" teachers of New Thought, who claim they are the "special messengers" to redeem the world.

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Look well into the living expressions of Christian Science, who have no use for the man or woman who is "down and out" financially.

And so often from no great fault of their own.

Christian Scientists do not believe in poverty.

When a man or woman runs against the vast commercial forces of the age.

Are reduced to financial poverty, not spiritual.

There are no Christian Scientists who are ready to lend a helping hand to start them again on the road to "demonstration."

They do not believe in poverty.

But they DO court the acquaintance of the great captains of industry.

These giants of commerce.

The SUCCESSFUUL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD are always wanted in the ranks of these new cults.

NOT they for whom The Christ came to teach.

The men and women who are "put out of business" by these great captains of greed.

Who are financially strangled by these gigantic commercial octopuses.

These victims of commercial greed and lust.

They are not wanted in Christian Science.

They have become financially impoverished.

The Scientist does not believe in poverty.

They only believe in material prosperity.

They do not treat without pay.

They pretend to teach the law of success.

They only have use for and associate with wealth.

WHY?

Is it because they represent The Christ?

Or, are they obeying the orders of Mrs. Eddy?

Jesus owned no palace.

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But the "discoverer" and "founder" of Christian Science lives in regal luxury.

Has a retinue of servants constantly on call.

Jesus did not.

She gives no treatments.

Jesus did.

She sees no patients.

Jesus did.

She drives out in royal state.

Jesus did not.

She has an army of deluded "devotees" bowing at her shrine and obeying her orders.

Jesus did not.

No wonder Jesus said:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites."

These same people who pretend to "interpret" the teachings and do the works of The Christ.

What are they?

Did you ever get in their way?

Did you ever get into their lives?

Did you ever see the raging hell of selfishness in which they live and move?

Full of avarice, covetousness, hate, malice, worldly pride, lust for the almighty dollar.

Pursue it with such energy that one sometimes wonders if there is really room in their consciousness for just one tiny ray of spiritual light to enter.

Did you ever think of what befalls an "unruly" member of the Christian Science Church?

What happens to the soul who may dare to stand alone in rebellion against the autocratic despotism of Mrs. Eddy and the board of "advisers" and control of that modern and gigantic ecclesiastical tribunal?

Do you know the fate of Mrs. Stetson?

And others who dared to stand alone?

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Do you know anything about the horrible deaths which overtakes all "insurgents" in this "Church of Christ, Scientist"?

Do you know anything about the "secret executive council" of the Mother Church in Boston, which makes a "specialty" of "dealing" with all "insurgents," and what fate befalls all who come under the "displeasure" of Mrs. Eddy and this "secret executive council"?

You don't know about it?

And you a live American citizen!

When in the daily papers are recorded the violent deaths of these "insurgents."

Are these deaths the result of "malicious animal magnetism"?

Or, are they "authorized by Christ."

We here give a record taken from the columns of a daily paper showing what fate befalls all who dare to rise and demand their freedom from the bondage which is put upon every soul who enters this church or any other upon the face of the earth.

NINE DEATHS IN RANKS OF MRS. EDDY'S FOES.

Christian Scientists Claim Madness and Suicide Follow Mrs. Stetson.

THREE COMMIT SUICIDE.

Belief in Malign Animal Magnetism is Disavowed By Mother Churchmen.

New York, April 26.—Madness, suicide and sudden death have fallen like a plague upon the followers of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, excommunicated Christian Scientist leader, according to those who remain faithful to Mary Baker Eddy and the church.

Discussing today the death of Miss Marion E. Stephens, the healer who killed herself because, as she declared, she could not get away from the

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powerful influence of Mrs. Stetson and others who were banished from the church, Scientists revealed the fact that Miss Stephens was the ninth of Mrs. Stetson's followers to die within a few months. And she was the third to kill herself.

"It's wierd," was the only comment they would make. "Scientists do not believe in malicious animal magnetism; we feel that we are immune from such a thing. But it would almost seem as if some malign influence exerted itself upon these persons."

Gives Wierd Death List.

An officer of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, gave the following death list today:

"First," he said, "there was another woman suicide. This was Mrs. Lotta Phillips, an ardent student of Mrs. Stetson. She lived at 35 West Ninety-sixth street until a few months ago, when she became mentally unbalanced and was placed in an institution. She eluded her keepers and killed herself three weeks ago.

"Then Henry Pennington Toler, the Wall street broker, drowned himself. Mrs. Stetson had taught him that to be a healer he must cease the married relation, so he had left his wife and family.

"Carroll Norton, another student of Mrs. Stetson, while wandering about Chicago in mental distress, was run down by a car and killed.

"The other persons who died had been in good health previous to their following Mrs. Stetson out of the church fold. Miss Laura Lyman passed out unexpectedly; Miss Sarah Hathaway, an old lady, broke her leg and died; Miss Sarah Drumm and Mlle. Farine, her French teacher, died within a few weeks of each other. Robert Van Arsdale, editor of a technical trade magazine, also died after a brief illness."

Mrs. Stetson Keeps Silence.

Mrs. Stetson, who still lives at 7 West Ninety-sixth street, next to the First Church, was told today that the Chrisian Scientists were making public a list of her followers who had died recently and

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was asked if she would not make some comment. She merely gave her usual excuse:

"I'm very busy; I will make an appointment some time in the future."

More details of the mental struggle through which Mrs. Stevens passed came to light today. A woman friend of her said:

"She would awake in the night and would call me, and others to her bedside, begging us to help her escape some malign influence that was impelling her to keep away from the church."

When Mrs. Eddy compromised with the Roman Catholic Church and gave orders to her "devotees" not to treat Catholics.

Was that compromise made from fear, or

Was it "authorized by Christ"?

When Mrs. Eddy made a compromise with a Board of Health not to treat contagious diseases.

Was that compromise made from fear, or

Was it "authorized by Christ"?

Did Jesus make a compromise with the ecclesiastical authorities as to whom He should heal?

Did He compromise with a Board of Health?

Did He compromise with anyone or anything?

Did He ever fail to heal? NO.

Do Christian Scientists ever fail to heal? YES.

Jesus never failed.

Scientists rarely ever heal. WHY?

Jesus feared no one.

Scientists are full of fear.

You do not believe it?

Then you are densely ignorant of the facts.

These facts are not read from the pulpits of the Christian Science Church by the "first reader" nor by

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the "second reader," nor by any other "reader," but they may be read by all who are alive to the issues of the day and what they mean.

Jesus said:

> "Come unto ME all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Mary Baker G. Eddy says:

> "Read Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures and you will prosper."

Which of these teachers do you hear mostly quoted by many thousands who think they want and claim to be seeking for the Truth in The Christ and for a knowledge of Divine Law?

Whose name is so largely upon the lips of thousands of presumably intelligent and supposedly spiritually aspiring souls in this twentieth century of mammonized aspirations?

JESUS THE CHRIST, or

Mary Baker G. Eddy.

My dear reader, pause, awake from your hypnotic slumber. Do some thinking and DO IT NOW.

Jesus was the most perfect embodiment of The Law of Pure Spirit that has ever appeared upon this planet.

Yet He was not a commercial success.

Were He again to incarnate in human form and appear among men in all the spiritual beauty of the perfect man, He would not be an accumulator of wealth.

He would not be allowed in the counting house.

His standing at the bank would be worthless.

He would not be mentioned in the boards of directors of our banks and trust companies.

He would not be admitted to the executive councils of our millionaires.

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He never could enter the political life of the city, state or nation.

Would not be allowed to preach in the churches.

Could not engage in business under our present industrial system of commercial piracy.

He would not be admitted to the charmed circles of polite society.

No representative of commercial success would care to cultivate His acquaintance.

He would not be allowed to become a patron of charitable entertainments.

Where the latest creations from Paris is the principal object in view.

They did not want Him then.

They do not want Him now.

They only make false pretenses.

They could not follow His teachings then.

They cannot follow His teachings now.

They could not follow in His footsteps then and become large commercial successes.

They cannot follow in His footsteps now because they want to be commercial successes.

Society and wealth do not want Him.

The classical literati do not want Him.

The churches do not want Him.

They make hollow pretenses of it.

They do not and cannot do His work.

One cannot be like Him and roll up a fortune under our present industrial piratical system.

Cannot be a social favorite.

Can never be of the great of the earth.

He who came to teach man how to live.

Is coldly pushed aside that man may seek to gratify the baser elements of his nature.

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That his talents may be utilized to satisfy his inordinate selfishness.

That he may go out into the commercial world to create commercial success.

To achieve; to accumulate; to grasp; to hold.

To be seen and heard of men and applauded.

Not to become like Him.

Not to stand as a Son of God, Master of Self.

But to remain ever a Slave of Self.

But one day out in the great arena of life, spiritual.

Your soul will be called to the bar of Divine Justice.

Your account will stand before you.

Then you will turn your face to Him.

For you will then see that He is all there is.

The spiritual side of your nature will cry out for that love which is His to give.

What you have done in the body will stand before you like an avenging Nemesis.

What a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth you will then indulge in.

Your soul will then have become awakened to the fact that you have builded wrongly.

That the foundation of all your earthly career has been laid upon sand.

Never was laid upon a solid rock.

That you are indeed a beggar among beggars.

The fact that you have wasted your opportunities will stare you in the face.

When you see that which you have created upon this plane of life.

To satisfy your greed for material things.

You then no longer control nor influence.

You will stand in the midst of it all.

Have no voice in its management.

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Cannot go higher, nor lower.

But be compelled to stand there in the midst of all of your ill-gotten material things.

See it used to create hell for others.

You will not listen to Him now.

You will not turn your face to things spiritual.

But one day, stripped of all these material powers,

You will then indeed pay the price.

Then your hell will begin.

What is HELL?

That state of consciousness in which you will stand —as an arisen spirit—when you have laid aside the body—died.

When you stand face to face
WITH WHAT—
YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE—
AND DID IT NOT

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The Oriental Menace

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HYPNOTISM IS BLACK ART,

as now

TAUGHT AND PRACTICED IN

Psychology,
Spiritism,
Adeptism,
Dowieism,
Astrology,
Mental Science,
Spiritual Science,
Psychic Development,
Scientific Salesmanship, and many other disguises, and is a most villianous prostitution of a God-given power.

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CHAPTER VIII

HYPNOTISM is Black Art, as is now taught, practiced and endorsed by generally accredited authorities, under various titles.

It is a term used to attract the selfishness of unawakened humanity to a vulgar display of the power of one mind over that of another.

It has assumed such large proportions, that the majority of people have become lost in the amazingly selfish, psychic possibilities of the subject, paying no heed to the gross and brutal violation of the Law of the Spirit, which is thereby made, and for which there is an extreme penalty.

Exhibitions are daily being given in public places of amusement all over the country, where people of delicately organized, sensitive mental temperaments are induced to allow themselves to become exhibitive subjects for the vulgar display of an hypnotic power of a supposedly trained operator, whose only qualifications for public or private recognition is a coarse, brutal, sensual, magnetic, mental, psychic force, which they pretend to know how to focus upon the brain of a mortal who is less brutal, less sensual, less coarse than themselves.

These exhibitions should be prohibited by the enactment of Federal laws, so drastic that no one would dare to violate them.

Were it possible to bring to the attention of our national legislators, arousing their interest in the posi-

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tive facts regarding the destructive mental effects upon all who are influenced to become subjects for these disgusting exhibitions, it might be possible to secure legislation which would result in a lasting protection for these poor, deluded minds.

It is impossible for a person to become a subject of a mortal, psychic, hypnotic power without loss of mental stamina, physical force and a consequent mental effect which produces a sense of extreme moral degradation.

When a hypnotist, by the exercise of his magnetic, mental, psychic power—directed by his mentality—invades the mental realm of another mortal—a subject—controlling the mind, and through the mind the body of that subject, there is instantly a brutal disintegration of the mental fibre of that subject, a consequent diminished spiritual aspiration, weakness of mental and physical power, from which the subject never completely recovers.

The mental integrity of the subject has been invaded and disrupted by a sensual, magnetic, mental, psychic force foreign to its own—that of another mentality—vibrating upon a low, coarse, brutal, sensual, psychic plane.

This quality of thought—so common among professional and private hypnotists—is forced, projected into the auric atmosphere and mental realm of the subject, the mortal mind is overpowered by that brutal, sensual force, always remains a subject to that quality of selfishly directed power, from that, or another equally dominant and brutal mentality, in no instance ever regains his full mental integrity.

No person who has the slightest knowledge of the Law of The Spirit, would ever advocate, countenance,

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endorse, aid, abet, or attempt to hypnotize another, as such expression is a direct violation of that LAW.

HYPNOTISM and **ENTRANCEMENT** are synonymous.

They are terms used to express a quality of subjugation which has been effected upon a finely organized and delicately sensitized mentality, which has been dominated by the will of another.

In Hypnotism, as generally understood and accepted, the subjugation has been effected by a mortal, who, in every instance, vibrates upon a sensual, physical, mortal, earthly, psychic state of consciousness.

In **Entrancement,**—as usually demonstrated—the subjugation has been effected by a discarnate intelligence—a spirit—is very destructive in effect, if accomplished by a spirit intelligence who has not reached the Christ state of spiritual consciousness.

We hold there is no person in the mortal plane of existence, who would purposely effect the hypnotic state upon another, who would, in fact, be in any but a mortal, sensual, physical, earthly, psychic state of consciousness.

This effect is equally disastrous, as that which is precipitated and forced upon a medium by a discarnate intelligence who is in a similarly undeveloped, earthly, psychic state.

A mortal, who, were they of an highly spiritual consciousness, would never advocate nor effect the hypnotic state upon another, nor would ever directly nor indirectly engage in such nefarious practices.

They would know that the effect would be disastrous to the mental integrity of the subject, their highly spiritual consciousness and knowledge of the

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law, would deter them from effecting such an unwarranted subjugation.

It may safely be determined—always to be borne in mind—that when a mortal advocates, countenances, endorses, aids, abets, or practices, a purposely hypnotic state upon another, that they are not an highly awakened spiritual consciousness.

The less you have to do with such people and their methods, the better it will be for your own spiritual, mental, moral and physical welfare.

There are many who will rise in opposition to this statement.

That is just what we want them to do.

That is just why we made the statement.

They will offer as combative evidence, the name and reputation of an accredited mortal authority in the medical, clerical or some other profession equally distinguished in the earth life, as proof, that because of their distinguished earthly prominence, presumed possession of supposed reliable worldly knowledge and mental attainments, that they should be especially accepted and followed as authorities upon Spiritual Law, in advocating the practice of mortal, magnetic, psychic, hypnotic effects.

Let it be well understood—now and forever afterward—that no person who practices medicine or are disseminating a knowledge of drugs or kindred elements for healing the diseases of humanity, are ever an highly awakened spiritual consciousness.

The Law of The Christ—Pure Spirit—heals without drugs.

Physicians and Preachers advocate the use of drugs.

DRUGS NEVER HEAL DISEASES.

All that drugs ever have done or ever will do, will

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be but to supply exhausted chemicals, to equalize the disarranged physical elements or chemicals of the physical organism, which is called a "cure" and the one who supplies the drugs, is commended.

A change of diet to pure food, pure water, and a general cleansing of the mental realm of the impure thoughts which are therein enthroned, would almost instantly effect a most pronounced beneficial change.

The cause of disease is spiritual unawakening.

Ignorance of Divine Law.

The dense ignorance of humanity regarding the cause of disease, creates a belief in disease.

Where belief in disease exists, it will surely exist.

The mind has already created the fact, through belief.

An expression of that belief, is found in the diseased body.

Remove the cause of disease from the mind, through spiritual awakening, growth and consciousness, and disease will no longer exist in the body.

CHRIST was the perfect physical embodiment of spiritual awakening, development and consciousness.

He was absolutely free from all manner of mortal physical inharmony, every form of disease.

The first step to become like Him is to learn to love like Him.

When you have learned to love like Him you will then know how to live like Him.

When you have learned how to live like Him you will then be as He was, free from all inharmony, all disease.

You do not want to live like Him,—even if you say so.

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The proof lies in the fact that you do not try to love like Him.

Do you love your neighbor as yourself?

Do you love any one as you do yourself?

Do you love your enemies?

Did you ever try to love a known enemy?

Did you ever think that your enemy is just as precious in the sight of God-Divine Law—as you are?

That in trying to send your enemy to hell, you will go to a hell yourself, and one of your own making.

When you realize that you do not love like Him.

That you would really like to.

You will then go to Him and learn the way.

When you have found the way.

You will wonder why you did not go long ago.

It is all so simple, so beautiful, so true.

TRY IT. THEN YOU WILL KNOW.

THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT MOMENT.

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The earnest attention of the reader is directed to the following published statement of one use of Hypnotic force:

HYPNOTISM TO CURE THE CZARINA'S ILLS.

Emperor Consents to Experiment and Famous German Specialist is Selected.

While Empress Is in Trance She Will Be Told She Is the "Happiest Woman Alive."

By Count von Elphberg.
Special Correspondent of the Examiner.
Special Cable to the Examiner.
Berlin, Sept. 10.—In consequence of the stub-

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born nature of the Czarina's illness, which is a combination of various complaints, it has been decided to endeavor to cure her with the help of hypnotism. It will be remembered it was announced that the Czarina in her distress had recourse to cocaine, and now she is known to be suffering from heart trouble brought on by nervous prostration.

The primary cause of all her troubles is the constant fear in which she has lived for years, and which developed melancholia. A series of cures have been attempted, but they have proved unsuccessful because they did not descend to the root of the sickness, which lies, not in he body, but in the mind. The present "cure" at Bad Nauheim is a superficial affair, and her doctors realize it cannot possibly achieve a complete cure.

Consequently, two eminent German specialists were summoned by the Czar to examine the Empress. They advised him, in view of the unusual nature of the case, to depart from the ordinary method of healing and allow an experienced hypnotist to bring an improvement in the Czarina's condition. A hypnotist has been selected, but his name is kept a profound secret.

It would be his duty to mesmerize the Czarina and then suggest to her that she is the happiest mortal under the sun. The latest researches on the subject of hypnotic influence over human beings led the doctors to believe that this thought, planted in the Czarina's brain when hypnotized, may react upon her when she is reawakened into normal consciousness. The treatment is attended with some danger owing to the comparatively elementary character of knowledge on the subject of hypnotism, but the Czarina's condition is so bad that it has been judged right to take the risk in the hope of effecting a cure.

The method of treatment to be applied opens up a hope for all kinds of mental diseases. German medical experts, although unwilling to append their

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> names publicly to such a statement, incline to the theory of a possibility of curing insanity by hypnotic methods.

The above interesting item, as noted, was taken from the columns of one of our most prominent dailies.

As it deals with the subject in hand, in a very interesting manner, we have given it, that the reader may follow the reports which from time to time may appear in the daily press, which may show the final results of these treatments upon one so well-known to the world.

To one less well-known it would be very difficult to learn what might be the result of the proposed method of treatment.

It is very strange, that in all Europe, there is not one person, who, by virtue of spiritual awakening and of a knowledge of The Law of The Spirit, so endowed with the Love of The Spirit, that they could be asked to come in the presence of the Empress, and in the name and in the Love of The Christ, COMMAND that all the unawakened elements which are in the auric atmosphere of the Empress, shall depart in peace, that she shall ever stand FREE in the consciousness of her own spiritual power, but no, she, by virtue of the prevailing dense ignorance of the Law of The Spirit, The Law of The Christ, no one, not even the Emperor himself, knows how to command The Law of The Christ, to FREE his beloved wife from this hell, but they, who pose as professional hypnotists must be utilized, their dominant power of human, mental force allowed to overpower her mind, make her obedient to their human thought and power, that she may be as one free, but all such treatments will only place her

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from one form of bondage to that of another, will not free her from the pitiable condition she is in.

The Empress is a lady who is of a very spiritual temperament, delicately sensitized, highly cultured, a beautiful flower set in the midst of discordant, hellish revolutionary elements, who are all the time sending out thoughts of HATE against the government of which she is one of the principal representatives, not knowing how to protect herself from these invisible forces, she became a subject of their power; the result is, mental depression, a very common evidence of this kind of infamous work.

One would naturally think that one who occupies so great a place in the affairs of his country, as does the Emperor, that he would have learned from experience, how to protect his wife from all manner of discordant elements, visible and invisible.

He is able, by the use of armed forces, to protect her from the objective expression of hate, but he, nor no one, who is ignorant of the Law of The Spirit, The Law of The Christ, will be able to teach her how to protect herself from the INVISIBLE FORCES OF HATE and THAT is the POWER The Emperor and Empress should know of, know how to use it for self-defense ONLY, until they have learned THAT LAW, they will be subject to the effect of discordant vibrations emanating from the minds of their subjects.

There is no good reason why the Empress should be sacrificed upon the altar of HATE to satisfy the unawakened souls who are seeking to gratify their revenge upon her, because they do not like the government of which she is but a representative.

If these discordant elements want to fight some one,

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why do they not attack one who is more responsible than she?

If the people of Russia want a change of government they will have to change their thoughts toward the government in power.

Hate never creates anything but hell.

The people who send out thoughts of hate to individuals or to any form of government, only receive that same quality of objective expression, directly in accord with their thoughts.

Love liberty and you will achieve liberty.

To hate a ruler or a government, who to you represents a form of bondage, will never give you liberty.

If the people of Russia ever expect to achieve liberty in a change of form of government, they must cease hating they who are now the representatives of that government.

They must **LOVE THE TRUE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, IF THEY EVER EXPECT TO HAVE LIBERTY.**

That law is as sure as the science of mathematics.

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We here give copies of articles which have been taken from the columns of the secular daily press, showing the disastrous effects of hypnotic practices of brutal, sensual, ignorant and irresponsible persons, who indulge in these vulgar displays of brutal, mental force, for purely selfish, wicked purposes:

"HYPNOTIC" HAZER FAILS TO WAKE BOY.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 20.—(Special)—For fourteen hours Burton White, a freshman at the Connecticut State college, lay hypnotized, devoid of

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will power, absolutely under the control of John Bergensen, his classmate.

For almost fourteen hours Bergensen, an amateur in hypnotism, tried to bring White out of the hypnotic state and failed because he had not the power or did not know how. Then a physician was called and with much difficulty restored White to his senses. He is 19 years old, a bright student, but for a while after he came to his mental powers were as feeble as those of a child of 4.

Following an old custom, the students at the Connecticut State college, which is at Storrs, held the autumnal "hazing bee" Saturday night. After the rushing and the mauling, the cane fight, and such "rah rah" diversions had ended, White, Bergensen, and half a dozen other freshmen went to White's room.

White, the son of the Rev. Herbert J. White, pastor of a Baptist church here, has been interested in hypnotism, but his father and mother had warned him never to subject himself to a test of its power. Bergensen had the idea that he has hypnotic power.

After the hazing in White's room the talk turned to hypnotism, and Bergensen tried to put to sleep three or four of his classmates. He succeeded partly with two, but they recovered quickly, even before the hypnotizer bade them "awake."

No so White, who is of a nervous temperament. He fixed his eyes on Bergensen's, who kept passing his hands before White's face. In a few moments White fell back on his bed, unconscious, to all appearances rigid, his eyes closed.

"Fine!" exclaimed the others. "Bergensen, you're a dandy."

White remained in this condition until Sunday. One of the scared freshmen got panic stricken and told President Beach of the college of White's condition. Bergensen enjoyed his triumph briefly, then attempted to awaken White. Try as he might until the sweat poured down his face and he was trembling with apprehension, Bergensen could not

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arouse him. After about an hour White began to laugh in a silly, childish fashion, and he kept it up.

The president called Dr. William L. Higgins.

"Look me in the eye," he said gently, coaxingly, to White, and repeated it over and over again. "Look me in the eye; wake up. You are all right; you will be all right. Wake up, my boy."

Now and again the doctor blew in White's eyes. Soon they regained their normal position. Then they fixed themselves on the doctor's. After fifteen minutes of such treatment White sighed deeply, shivered from head to foot, and awoke.

"Good boy. You're all right now," said Dr. Higgins encouragingly. But he was not, for soon he relapsed into unconsciousness, this time his eyes were open and stared vacantly straight before him. Dr. Higgins patiently resumed his treatment and brought his patient to himself again.

Tonight Dr. Higgins said White was recovering slowly.

DIES FROM HYPNOTIC SPELL.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—As the result of being hypnotized by Prof. Arthur Everton of Newark in a theater here tonight, Robert Simpson has been pronounced dead by the staff of the Somerset hospital.

Simpson was hurried to the hospital in an ambulance after Everton had tried for more than an hour to bring him out of a cataleptic state.

Everton was arrested and taken before Justice Sutphen, who paroled him in the custody of policemen so he might go to the hospital with another hypnotist and make another effort to restore Simpson to consciousness.

County Prosecutor Regel, on information from the hospital, ordered a warrant issued for Everton's arrest on a charge of manslaughter, and he will be placed in the county jail tomorrow unless Simpson

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shows signs of life during the night, which the hospital physicians think impossible.

Everton opened a week's engagement in the theater tonight. He brought Simpson and a 16-year-old boy from Newark as his subjects. Everton at his examination before Justice Sutphen tonight stated that he had picked Simpson up in Newark a week ago and had used him continuously as a subject without ill effects. He said Simpson had been drinking in the early part of the evening, and had complained of feeling ill before he went on the stage, but that he was not aware of Simpson's condition when he put him in the hypnotic state.

The hypnotist put Simpson in a rigid state, and, placing his feet on one chair and his head on another, stood on his body without causing him to relax. After going through this performance Everton clapped his hands in an effort to restore Simpson. Simpson's eyes rolled up, his jaw dropped, and he collapsed between the chairs and rolled over on the floor.

He was carried to the wings, and Everton worked over his subject in vain, until Everton became greatly excited, and finally lost his nerve. Doctors were called from the audience to assist Everton. Simpson was taken to a hotel next door to the theater, where the physicians and Everton labored over him for an hour without restoring him.

The physicians in the hospital pronounced Simpson dead at midnight, but Everton and a fellow hypnotist are still making an attempt to bring him to life.

POLICE TAKE HYPNOTIZED MAN; CAN'T WAKE HIM.

Saginaw, Mich., March 1.—On complaint of prominent citizens and the Humane Society the police at midnight removed from the show window of a Saginaw music house David Anderson, a young man

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who had lain in a trance for fifty-six hours under the hypnotic influence of a man calling himself Professor Powers. Today the authorities have a hypnotized man on their hands, whom they are trying to arouse, but who is insensible to every device employed and who lies like one dead in a room in the Wesley Hotel.

The "subject" was to have been kept in the window until tonight and then removed to a local theater, where, it was advertised, the hypnotist would awaken him. Anderson was put under the hypnotic spell Saturday evening by long-distance telephone from Lansing.

Powers was communicated with today at Chesaning where he appeared last night, but he declined to awaken the subject by the telephone and refused to come to the assistance of the police.

It is said Powers will be promptly arrested upon his arrival here unless he immediately reports to the Wesley Hotel and brings the youth out of his long trance.

Dr. W. P. Mowry was summoned, and after a careful examination found the young man in fairly good condition with reasonable strong heart action and regular breathing.

HYPNOTISM is Black Art, as now taught, practised and endorsed, is an importation of and in direct harmony with all Oriental Philosophy, the product of a sensualized state of consciousness, upon which all Oriental Philosophy and teaching is based.

All Oriental Philosophy and teaching offers its devotees as a reward in this and the future state of existence, a generous indulgence of sensual pleasures.

This diseased quality of thought is so dominant in the mortal mind, that it has attracted millions upon millions of unawakened minds.

All one has to do to realize this fact, is to care-

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fully study and analyze the various religions of the Oriental world.

Mohammed has more followers than The Christ.

Mohammed offered his followers a free and unlimited indulgence of all sensual pleasures in Paradise, as a reward for accepting him as the true prophet.

CHRIST commands the entire extinction of all mortal, sensual thoughts, appetites and propensities, which extinction creates a perfect obedience to the Law of The Spirit—Infinite Love—God—purely spiritual, purely unselfish.

This very desirable quality of thought and expression does not appeal to the minds of the mass of humanity.

The consequence is—after many centuries—Christ has less followers than Mohammed, by countless millions of souls, in the psychic plane, discarnate and incarnate.

The Mohammedan idea of Paradise is more attractive to many thousands of people in our country—and elsewhere—than the plain, simple, beautiful teachings of The Christ.

When Caucasians—of any nationality—accept Oriental Philosophy and Oriental teachings in preference to the commands of The Christ—governing their lives accordingly—as they almost invariably do—the proof is everywhere visible among them—there is certainly something wrong with their spiritual aspiration and consciousness.

All that is necessary to do to prove this fact, is to study the daily lives of these "converted" Caucasians, and this result will invariably be found true,—

That all of them are great lovers of sensuality, in

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all its forms, are very fond of giving full promiscuous expression to it in their mortal existence.

If the American people could become awakened to the hideously baneful influence which is exercised by all Orientals upon all the young men and women of our country,—with whom they may come in contact—the government would be compelled to take very drastic action, not only to expel all of them that are here, but would exclude all their philosophical literature and teachings—and some other literature of theirs as well—would also be very careful regarding their entrance to our country for any but a limited time, and then only for purposes of travel, in no case allowing them a permanent residence.

Some time since there was a very spirited controversy among representative secular newspapers in this country, in reference to the "California Exclusion Act."

It was very interesting and highly instructive to read the vast differences of opinions expressed by many writers EAST of the Rocky Mountains, compared with those WEST of them.

The eastern writers were nearly all densely ignorant of the truth regarding the debauching influence of Orientalism.

Those west of the mountain range, had had many years of bitter experience with these degenerate Orientals, and their equally degenerative philosophies.

When the people of California and other states on the Pacific Coast, arose and protested against existing conditions and a further continuance of them, there was a great hue and cry from many ignorant and plainly prejudiced writers in reference to the loathsome facts.

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The people west of the Rocky Mountains are fully alive to the real state of the Oriental Mind.

It is only a question of time, when it will be fully and perhaps painfully recognized, that the only safe way to deal with them and their philosophies, is to compel them to take a sea voyage to the land from whence they came, peacefully if possible, forcible deportation if necessary, even at the expense of the Federal Government—if no other way—but send them home, under no conditions to allow them a permanent residence.

We, as a people, not only must deal with this Oriental question from the physical, mortal side, but the most dangerous side, is the PSYCHIC.

There are vast hordes of degenerate Oriental spirits, in the psychic plane of spirit life, hovering about all these Orientals.

Whenever they can exercise their psychic powers upon a Caucasian, which they do when the Caucasian harbors the mortal Oriental, this discarnate psychic force, forces its way into the psychic auric atmosphere of the mortal Caucasian, influencing their thought and action, the result is, OBSESSION and MORAL DEGENERACY.

One of the most pronounced evidences of the baneful and very destructive influence emphasized by this psychic Oriental force, is the weakening of the spiritual aspiration, mental and physical power and moral tone of many public and private mediums.

Everywhere mediums and all other devotees of Orientalism, who have these Orientals as guides, who are in the power of these psychic Orientals, pride themselves upon the fact of their rabidly anarchistic attitude to all moral law.

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While in all instances they do not descend into and openly indulge in the objective expression, they do constantly teach and advocate a total disregard of all moral obligations.

It is very common experience to hear mediums—and those who visit them regularly—giving expressions of approval to the fact that their "guide" is a Hindu, or some other representative of psychic Oriental Philosophy and teaching.

If this quality of thought, as so insistently advocated by all devotees of Orientalism—who claim as guides and teachers this psychic Oriental spirit or mortal association—is so pure and so far superior to that of The Christ, why is the effect upon their spiritual, mental, moral and physical natures so demoralizing, disintegrating and destructive?

It needs no great intellect, no very great spiritual awakening to compare these two interpretations of the Law of Pure Spirit, nor to decide unhesitatingly which of these teachers will be the best to follow, or which course of instruction will be the best to awaken the mortal consciousness to a realization of its Divine Inheritance.

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Some time since, we met a gentleman who said that he was in daily communication with his "psychic Oriental spirit guide" who told him there was, in a foreign country, an estate of great value, to which he could prove his rightful ownership, if he were to go to that country and enforce his claim, under such instructions which had been given, and which would be given by his guide as occasion might require.

Acting in accordance with these instructions, he sold all his earthly possessions, for cash, made the

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journey, only to find that the whole story was a myth.

He returned a sadder and a wiser man.

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A lady of wealth and social prominence—in a distant city—became so infatuated with the idea—furnished by her psychic Oriental guide—that she was a member of the nobility of a foreign country—she bearing the same name as that of a reigning family of that country—she spent large sums of money, seeking to force that family to recognize her claims of alleged kinship.

Her claim was courteously entertained by the members of that family, proof upon proof was furnished her by them, proving the absurdity of her claim, yet she still insisted upon being recognized, finally developed into such a positive nuisance, that she was expelled from that country, as one who had become insane.

All this time she was diligently being pursued by her "psychic Oriental guide" to enforce the recognition of her claim.

Certainly her distorted vanity had been most successfully appealed to, until she became a monomaniac upon the subject, compelling all the servants of her household to always address her as "Lady ———," instead of "Mrs." as was formerly the custom, yet she died a disappointed, disgruntled old woman, because she was not recognized by her "noble kin."

Had she used her wealth, time and energies, in doing what was in her power to educate and improve the mental and physical environment of the people in the locality where she resided, she would not have met such a disagreeable and disappointing ending of her mortal career.

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Hypnotic influence of this quality has become so common among those who claim "psychic Oriental spirit guides" and mortal Oriental teachers of Oriental Philosophy, that it has become an almost every-day experience to read of or listen to their wild and distorted statements emanating from their diseased imaginations, created by recognizing the absurd statements of psychic Oriental teachings from both sides of life, relative to what really constitutes true nobility upon this plane of thought and action.

It is really laughable to listen to some of these hypnotized individuals who bring forth the claim of, who, and what they were in a previous incarnation, to hear them tell of the wonderful things they did then, the very great and conspicuous part they played in the then history of the world, the very great name they then bore before the world of man, always having been a king, queen, statesman, warrior, poet, artist, musician or some equally desirable quality of mortal expression, yet to see them in their present incarnation, it is readily seen that they have taken an "awful fall," worse than that which has been charged to Adam—poor man—what calumny he has had to bear for all our ignorance and brilliant cussedness.

When these same hypnotized worshippers of fallen greatness, are asked to kindly furnish the proof that they WERE all they claim to have BEEN, they cannot give any proof of the fact, so by looking them straight in the eye, you will be able to see what they ARE and that is, they are self-hypnotized beyond recovery, for not one of them have ever been known to recover from this form of delusion, but go on and on claiming and declaiming to every one who is so really kind as to

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listen to them, this form of hallucination, the result of overfed vanity and conceit.

No man who has come to the time in his mortal life when the truth of the fact of reincarnation reaches his awakened consciousness, can do aught else but to admit its reasonableness and the fact, that the truth has been made made clear to his intelligence.

But, when called upon to furnish positive proof of it, it is absolutely impossible.

If believed or known, the less said about it the better.

To admit the operation of Divine Law in this expression, is really of some value to the soul that is seeking truth.

It matters not what you were, in any previous incarnation.

It is all important what you now are, in this incarnation.

What are you now doing amid the great activities of this mortal life to bring your unawakened brother and sister to the consciousness of their Divine Inheritance in the Love of The Christ, to know of its relation to your own spiritual unfoldment?

NAPOLEON said, —

"A Throne, four pieces of wood covered with velvet."

"NO! A THRONE IS A MAN."

Orientally Hypnotized Americans who are spending so much time telling all who will listen, how great "they used to be" go out into the great world of human activities, prove to your kind, by your deeds of loving kindness to all, HOW GREAT YOU ARE NOW.

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Some years ago we met one of these "White Turbaned Hindu Adepts" who, in the course of our conversation displayed a beautifully clear piece of amber—hexagon in shape—which he claimed he had "created" after fifteen years of "daily concentration," offering this as evidence to convince us of his ability to control atoms to the extent of forming them into concrete, objective expression.

He said that he could take various sums of money—which might be placed with him by several persons—and under his "personal thought force" increase its value four-fold—in a very short time—for which service he would ask no compensation, would only accept whatever the investors or contributors might choose to give as a "love offering."

With a view to inducing us to join this class for "investment," he showed us a list of names of persons whom he said had then placed with him sums of money to have it increased four-fold through his "wonderful power of concentration."

After listening very patiently to his insinuating, very persuasive, but arrogantly egotistical and consummately lying statements, we told him that he was the most confounded liar and hypocrite, we had ever met.

We laid the case before the Chief of Police, suggesting it would be a good idea to look into it, which he did, but the smooth, oily rascally "concentrator" was informed by one of his dupes that detectives were seen in the neighborhood, he decamped the next day, with all the investors' "concentrated" cash, which we afterwards learned amounted to more than forty thousand dollars.

His type-written lessons upon "Hindu Philosophy and Scientific Concentration" is one of the smoothest

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productions of word-painting we have ever had the pleasure to read.

This is but one of many similar cases which are an almost every-day occurrence with people who are listening to the wildly lying statements from these Hindu teachers of Concentration.

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In this city, a few years ago, one of these "Hindu Adepts" held a class for "spiritual development" which comprised some of our supposedly best people —all women—these "adepts" do not like live American men, very well.

He counseled the class to all stand upon their feet, cross their hands, close their eyes, and in a low voice say "Oo-oo-oo-oo" carrying to a very high pitch, then gradually lowering to a very soft mellow tone, following with silent concentration upon "Oo-oo-oo."

It was very amusing but instructive to watch the weak, insipid expression this practice produced upon the faces of these women, and the wholly vacant stare which met us at the close of the exercises.

He too, only accepted "love offerings" as compensation for his time and wonderful "Oo's," which was but one of the methods he very industriously employed in imparting the great secret of "Hindu Philosophy and Science of Concentration."

It was remarkable how these women would contribute their cash "love offerings" after they had been subjected to this course of treatment—to support this degenerate low-caste teacher of Oriental philosophy.

He was quietly advised to "depart hence" which he very speedily did, and the city was rid of one more of these detestible vipers—past-masters of Black Art and Hindu Diabolism.

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We here give a few more cases which have been taken from the columns of the daily press, which show how gushing, emotional, and unbalanced American women of wealth and social prominence are hypnotized by these Orientals into the commission of all manner of outrageous expressions of thought and action, in many cases so flagrant that all elements of refinement and common decency have been laid aside:

SWAMI, WOMAN CHARMER, BLAMED FOR SUICIDE.

Hindoo's Altar Falls Because He is Not a God.

Denunciation of the Swami Abheyananda, who claims to be a real Hindoo mystic, and who practiced his "arts" in Chicago nearly two years ago, adds but another chapter to the already begrimed history of this man, who is declared to be directly or indirectly responsible for one suicide, the breaking up of the home of one of America's most famous educators, and the mad infatuation of scores of sentimental women.

Mrs. William Jean Beauley, formerly of Chicago, now of New York, started the latest sensation by declaring that the Swami was unfit to be the leader of the Vedanta cult because he was not a god.

Almost as mysterious as the alleged mysticism which he claims to teach and impart is the hold this yellow skinned man obtains upon women everywhere he goes. It was at the residence of Mrs. Beauley, at 3602 Rhodes avenue, in October, 1908, that the Swami declared to an audience of awestruck women that every one will some day, in some evolution, be a god.

Who he is appears a mystery also. He declares that he is a Hindoo. Neighbors in the vicinity of Mrs. Beauley's former residence on Rhodes ave-

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nue say that he looks more like a "yellow negro" than a Hindoo, and since Mrs. Beauley departed for New York in July, 1909, more than a score of negroes have called at her former residence to inquire for the Swami.

The whole neighborhood around 3602 Rhodes avenue was agape with amazement when, about two years ago, Mrs. Beauley arrived home from a trip to Europe, taken ostensibly for her health.

She drove up to her house in a closed carriage, emerged with her face covered by a heavy veil, and escorted by a very dark-skinned man, went into her house.

One young woman living next door rushed to her mother and exclaimed:

"Mother, mother; Mrs. Beauley has come home and brought a negro with her!"

Within a few days the secret leaked out. Mrs. Beauley issued invitations, and one night the curb in front of the house was lined with carriages and automobiles, bringing handsomely gowned women, principally, who came to hear the wisdom expounded by the Swami Abheyananda.

He claimed to be and has been recognized as the head of the Vedanta cult, which practices the studies of the Yogi of India. The Swami claimed to be a descendant of the Swami Vivikananda, of World's Fair fame, and he at once took up his residence at the Beauley home.

There he remained, and that house was made the Chicago headquarters for the Vedanta cult. One woman after another came to see him; Mrs. Beauley herself discussed the teaching most intelligently, and it is declared that more than once she spent a whole day talking about it without stopping to eat.

Finally it is declared that Mr. Beauley became convinced that his wife was infatuated with more than the Vedanta cult, and the Swami left for New York. Shortly after his departure the Beauleys also went to New York, and nothing more was

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heard concerning the Swami until Mrs. Beauley a few days ago denounced him.

Here are a few hard, cold facts regarding the Swami and the Yogi philosophy, as expounding by himself and other similar alleged Hindoos:

Eight years ago Miss Ida Craddock, high priestess and missionary in the philosophy of the Yogi, was arrested in New York at the behest of Anthony Comstock, on the charge of circulating a work which was considered sufficiently obscene to warrant a three months' sentence in the house of correction.

When her sentence was completed she was arrested by the federal authorities charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, tried, convicted, and on the morning when she was to be sentenced was found dead, a suicide, in her apartment.

Four years ago the community at Lafayette, Ind., was shocked to learn that the wife of Winthrop Ellsworth Stone, Ph. D., head of Purdue University, had deserted her husband to pursue the teachings of the Yogi.

Previously a devoted wife and considered one of the most intelligent women in the country, Mrs. Stone became absolutely enslaved to the so-called philosophy which teaches that so long as one is attached to any particular person, so that happiness depends thereon, he or she is the slave of that person.

Scores and hundreds of other women have forsaken home, husband, children, all that should be dear and sacred, to follow adoringly the man whose primal alleged philosophy declares against that very thing.

Mrs. Beauley came out of her trance with a hump, to judge from the manner in which she has denounced the Swami. She even accuses the Swami of the heinous crime of losing himself to "Love, glorious though it be, is a disease, etc.," and says the object of the Swami's affections is a "Chinese blonde."

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She makes no mention of peroxide, or henna, but goes several yards farther and characterizes the unfortunate female as being of the genus "Chink." The Swami makes reply somewhat after the fashion of a famous humorist, who, when asked if he were dead, said the report was grossly exaggerated. Possibly the lady is not a blonde.

Mrs. I. Friedman of 3566 Rhodes avenue, who is open in her denunciation of the Swami, declares that she became convinced he was a charlatan when Mrs. Beauley informed her that under his teaching she had renounced the faith of her mother.

"I never attended any of the seances at Mrs. Beauley's house," said Mrs. Friedman, "for the good reason that I had better things to employ my time, and I told Mrs. Beauley that the religion of her mother ought to be good enough for her, and that she would some day wake up to the fact."

Jacob Fischer, a nephew of Mrs. Friedman's now living in New York, declared last night that Mrs. Beauley tried hard to convert him to the "faith," but that he could not see it.

"She told him," said he, "that my soul had reached a state of receptivity and that I was eligible to join the Vedanta under the most favorable spiritual conditions. Then she gave me a book and I concientiously waded through it.

"But I could not get any intelligent idea of the aim of the writer and finally returned the book, told her the medicine was too strong for me and that I could not scale the heights. She never mentioned the subject again."

The Swami declared that Mrs. Beauley did not pay his expenses on the trip to Europe which she admits they took two years ago, and says that in all his thirteen years of labor in the cult, he has received no pecuniary reward.

New York, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Christina G. Kelley, secretary of the Vedanta Society, at 135 West Eightieth street this city, who is he wife of Augustus W. Kelley, vice-president of the Union Trust Company of New York, was in consultation

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today with Swami at the cult's Summer Home, "Peace Retreat" at West Cornwall, Conn., today.

With her were other followers of the Swami, met to outline a plan of action to refute the charges made against the leader. Mrs. William Jean Beuley, who was among the first to secede from the society, is very ill at her home. She says she is not certain whether her illness results from "malicious animal suggestion" of the loyal followers of the Swami or from her own errors.

"It is true that the most highly developed in the mysteries of Vedanta have knowledge of so-called 'black magic,' but I can hardly believe I am to suffer in that way. But I am very ill."

Mrs. Beauley would not reply to Swami's denial of her story. "What else is there for him to do but deny?" she asked. "My story is true."

WOMAN EXPOSES IDOL'S CLAY FEET.

Denunciation of Swami Abhedananda Includes Tale of Angry Husband's Revenge.

CHASED OUT OF CHICAGO.

Head of Vedanta Cult Defends Self and Religion; Silent as to "Chinese Blonde."

Chicago and "Yelping Hill," which is located near West Cornwall, Conn., were united (perhaps tangled up expresses it better) in a mesh of thought waves of the Vedanta cult.

From "Yelping Hill" came indignant denials of the Swami Abhedananda, head of the Vedantists, that he was a "fallen idol." And from Mrs. I. Friedman, 3566 Rhodes avenue, emanated the retort, in substance, tersely put, that perhaps the Swami didn't fall, because he was pushed.

The whole trouble started when Mrs. William Jean Beauley, an ex-Chicagoan, now of New York, who formerly was an intimate friend and neighbor of Mrs. Friedman, tearfully denounced the Swami as

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unfit for leadership of the Vedanta cult because she found he was "not a god."

According to Mrs. Friedman, who is the wife of a south side physician, Mr. Beauley was the real discoverer of the fact that his wife's idol had feet of clay. On the other hand, if Mrs. Beauley's story is accurate, it was she who discovered, through the Swami's sudden infatuation for a "Chinese blonde" in New York, that Vedanta was only another word for what the vernacular of the street most accurately described as "bunk."

After Mrs. Beauley—who still a resident of Chicago—had taken a trip to Europe with the Swami at the suggestion of her husband, who believed that the opportunity for "uninterrupted talk and instruction in Vedanta" would benefit her health, Mr. Beauley became less enthusiastic over the new religion. That was about a year ago. On the return of the couple, Mrs. Friedman says, the husband objected when his wife invited the Swami to make the Beauley home the headquarters of his cult in Chicago.

Mrs. Beauley admits that at this time she was in love with the Swami, "both as a priest and as a man."

Some indication of what happened in London may be had from the following statement of Mrs. Beauley in her denunciation of the Swami:

"Perhaps I was indiscreet when I rented an apartment of eight rooms in Clarence Gate Gardens, London, and took the Swami into my home. All the followers of Vedanta in London gathered with us and we spread the truth. I preserved the conventions of society by having with me at all times a companion, sometimes paying as much as $10 a week to her."

At any rate, the London visit finally came to an end. The Swami came back to Chicago with Mrs. Beauley.

Then it was, according to Mrs. Friedman, that Mr. Beauley began to believe that the Vedanta

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teachings were not the only things that bound his wife to the cult.

"Mrs. Beauley was continually with the Swami," said Mrs. Friedman. "She used to drive about with him in a carriage, always wearing several heavy veils over her face.

"One day Mr. Beauley came home from New York and began to ask unpleasant questions about her companionship with the Hindoo. What he learned I do not know, but the affair ended up by his giving the Swami a limited time in which to pack up and get out of Chicago.

"The Swami took his 'advice' and has not been seen in the neighborhood since. Several months later the Beauleys moved to New York, although they still own the house here."

Abhedananda, who claims to be a descendant of the Swami Vivikananda of world's fair fame, is said to have established a following of fully 3,000 persons in this country. His infatuation for the "Chinese blonde," however, has depleted the Vedanta ranks to an appreciable extent, Mrs. Beauley charges.

While in Chicago the Swami was introduced to a number of prominent men, including Prof. George Burman Foster of the University of Chicago, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, and Attorney Clarence S. Darrow. Mr. Darrow said last evening that he had met him through Beauley, who, when he believed that his wife's devotion to the Vedanta cult was confined only to its philosophy, brought the Swami to the Darrow residence. Mr. Darrow declared that he had been attracted to the Swami at first only through curiosity, but that he had found him to be extremely interesting.

Beauley is an architect and a member of the firm of Peabody & Beauley. He is also an artist of some prominence. Mrs. Beauley was the divorced wife of Thomas Copeland, formerly the manager of a Chicago manufacturing concern. She

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was married to Beauley about six years ago, shortly after she obtained her decree from her first husband.

That the rays of Halley's comet were responsible for the recent swelling of the ranks of many "fad" religious cults was the explanation given during the day by Dr. Archer L. Hood, president of the "American School of Vibration," at New York. Mrs. Beauley is one of the physician's patients, as are a number of other former "Vedantists."

"The women who have been flocking to the new and strange religious cults have done so because of the abnormal state caused directly by Halley's comet," said Dr. Hood. "The actinic rays from the comet poured upon the earth and had a dreadful effect upon the health of many. This is proved by the fact that, the comet now having begun to recede rapidly, the women have all begun leaving these religious faiths."

New York, Sept. 3.—On the top of "Yelping Hill," six miles back from West Cornwall, Conn., Swami Abhedananda made use today of his "science of breath," but practiced none of his "Yogi philosophy" in answering the charges of Mrs. William Jean Beauley.

There was no peace at his "peace retreat" in Berkshire hills during the rainy minutes a reporter listened to him, and, judging by the way he rushed from the house to discuss the matter after the interview was over, it is a safe Connecticut guess there will be no peace tomorrow.

"This just proves," exclaimed the Swami, "that you can't do anything with most American women. I'm through with them.

"There positively isn't a word of truth in Mrs. Beauley's accusations and I shall force her to make amends for what she has said."

The head of the Hindoo thought school didn't know that one of his leading disciples had gone on the warpath until the reporter showed him what

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Mrs. Beauley had said. After he had read it he laughed twice and began:

"I have known Mr. and Mrs. Beauley for a good many years and they used to be much interested in my work, after I had outlined it to them. They saw it would not conflict with any religion—that it was broad and beneficial to every one. They joined the cult and practiced the principles laid down years ago by my predecessor, the late Swami Vivekananda.

"I have been in this work for thirteen years and I have received nothing, financially, from it. I have my life, my mental and my physical health and I do what I do because I love it.

"When I went to Europe I took Mrs. Beauley along at the request of her husband. She was ill and she knew that I could benefit her with my teachings. All the way over I devoted myself to practicing of mental cure that would lift her illness from her. She can, if she will, tell you how I tried to help her. And I know I did help her."

"Mrs. Beauley," interrupted the reporter, "says she paid your expenses on the trip abroad."

The stocky, dark skinned Swami released the top button of his clerical coat, smiled, and then became indignant.

"She didn't pay one cent toward the expenses I incurred," he said. "I went over to London to deliver a number of lectures. Our field was growing larger and they needed me on the other side.

"I made several addresses, and from the small revenue derived from that source I personally paid my way—every inch of it."

In reference to the occurrence in May at the Swami's place in West Eightieth street which ,according to Mrs. Beauley, led to her discovery of the "Chinese blonde" and convinced her Swami wasn't the sort of man to stand on a pedestal, the Swami said:

"Mrs. Beauley and I had been shopping togeth-

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er, I think, in one of the big stores and I went home alone. About 10 o'clock that night she applied at the house and asked for me. There were several other students in the house and one of them told her I had gone to my room and that it was too late to summon me.

"I was awakened by screams from the parlors, so I dressed and ran out. Mrs. Beauley was there shouting and crying. When she saw me she lifted her voice and screamed out a lot of things, but I couldn't understand her. I couldn't get an intelligent idea what the trouble was, for she kept shouting at me and crying. I decided the best thing to do was to take her home. I did so, and left her with Mr. Beauley.

"I did not know until today that she thought I had become 'a lost soul.' She did not tell me then, nor has she since. For your information and for hers, I will say I did not fall from grace. That house always was full of students, men and women good men and good women—and if I had ever suffered myself to be anything but what I proclaim myself to be, I should have pulled my temple down about my ears."

"Did Mrs. Beauley ever buy shirts for you?"

"Foolishness," he said.

"Did Mrs. Howard Gould give you $500, out of which to pay your expenses on the trip to Europe?"

"No, she did not," declared the Swami, "nor did any one else ever give me anything I had not earned. None of the members of your 'Four Hundred' has ever done anything for me or for the school. I have not asked them for money. They have not offered me any.

"I shall let my attorney know what this woman has said and he will see that I am set right before the doubters. These things do not hurt me with my people. I have nothing here. Are these houses, these rain swamped tents pretentious? Look at

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what we have—three houses, two barns and four or five tents. Could you call any one of these houses a mansion?

"We are simple livers. We eat no meat. We have four cows, two horses and several chickens. We do not kill the chickens, neither do we catch the fish in the brook that runs through our 400 acres. And those 400 acres are worth just $3,800.

"We charge our members from $8 to $15 a week. They cook their own food and attend to their own domestic duties. We eat two meals a day and sleep no longer than six hours every night. Our philosophy makes work devotion. Even dish washing, if it be done in the spirit we inculcate, becomes a form of worship."

There were several visitors to the Vedante colony today. One man, who, the Swami said, was a Manhattan civil engineer named Everett, whose two maiden sisters live near Ashrama, walked five miles to the place.

A late afternoon train brought Mrs. Christina G. Kelley, wife of the vice president of the Union Trust Company. She is secretary of the Vedanta society. She held a conference with the Swami.

Hundreds of followers of Swami Abhenananda flocked to his support today. The Vendata Society's home at 135 West Eightieth street was thronged with those who remained faithful to Swami and his teachings and many bitter words were said about the "backsliders."

Mrs. M. Reid Cory of 260 W. Seventy-eighth street, who recently abjured the society, told the reporter she had resigned "for reasons." She declined to explain further. Mrs. Cory said she had absorbed all the good she might from the Swami's teachings and had withdrawn to follow a personal course of study. She would neither uphold nor denounce the Swami, saying it was "not for us mortals to judge our fellows."

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"CHINESE BLONDE" AMAZES CHICAGO.

Swami Abhedananda's Alleged Companion Seems to Be New Type Here.

Speculation as to the identity of the "Chinese blonde" blamed for the backsliding of Mrs. William Jean Beauley from the cult of the Vedantists, of which the Swami Abhedanda of Yelping Hill, Conn., is high priest and teacher, was rife among Chicago friends of the woman yesterday. They were surprised, of course, that Mrs. Beauley had found her idol's feet of clay, and wondered how this ardent disciple was going to exist without the philosophy of the cult to sustain her in her hour of need.

Chicagoans who have heard "words of wisdom" from the lips of the Swami expect the power of his own teachings to help and bear him up. The Swami is an earnest believer in his own cult, they say, and even though he has been deserted by so ardent a disciple as Mrs. Beauley, they think Yelping Hill and its colony will still continue through the wonders and the powers of the Jnana yoga—the ultima Thule of Vedantic teaching.

Followers of the Vedantic school of philosophy are difficult to find in Chicago just now, but there are many who heard the Swami—Swami means philosopher, nothing worse—and were impressed by the earnestness of his purpose, the depth of his study, and the brilliance of his conversation. Most of these persons knew Mrs. Beauley, too, she who has denounced the Swami as a faker.

But now that the parting of the ways has arrived, there are many interesting little sidelights on the comradeship between the Swami and Mrs. Beauley which have come to light. With the dignity of the savant of the Indian monastery, Abhedananda never deigned to walk, and, like a student of ancient times, the automobile never appealed to him.

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So it was a brougham for him all the while, and liverymen on the South Side did a land office business with the East Indian. He paid his bills, too—although there never was a hint of where the money came from.

Perhaps the most interesting phase of the time while Mrs. Beauley followed in the footsteps of the Swami was when she accompanied him to Europe and took an apartment in Clarence Gate Gardens, in London, that there might be a temple for the Vedantists in the British metropolis. Down at Yelping Hill, which is in the Berkshires, the Swami said he took Mrs. Beauley to Europe at the request of her husband and for the benefit of her health.

"He was working Raja yoga," said one who had heard the Swami lecture. "This yoga develops the psychic powers, teaches the cure of disease by mental power, and enables the performance of all the wonders and miracles for which the yogis of India have been noted for centuries.

"A special feature of the Raja yoga is its use to cure heart ache, and there was some speculation as to whether it was this the Swami was attempting when the news of his departure for England with Mrs. Beauley became known."

From the same source it became known that there are two other yogas in the teaching of the Swami's cult. A yoga, incidentally, is a "path," a method of thinking and philosophizing. The two others are the Karma yoga and the Bhakti yoga. The "Karma" shows how daily tasks may be turned to spiritual growth and complete self-mastery, while the "Bhakti" leads by way of the emotions to the realization of the ultimate truth.

"GREAT GOD OOM" IS THROWN INTO CELL.

NEW YORK, May 3.——The great god Oom, "one and omnipotent," is in jail in default of $15,000 bail. There is no one now to squat on the great

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crsytal ball in the upper room of the house at 258 West Seventy-fourth street and lead old men and young girls through the mazes of Oriental dances, and by the arrest of the great Oom, who appears on the police records as Pierre A. Bernard, there has been bared a story as strange and startling as any ever unearthed by the police of New York City.

Magistrate Breen today held the great Oom, who is also "The Original Tantric Guru," on a charge of abducting Gertrude Leo, nineteen years old, and detaining her for four months in the house of dancing and weird "Hindoo" howlings.

When the police entered the house on Monday night they found the great god Oom balancing himself on a crystal globe, while on a great rug with the signs of the zodiac thirteen followers, eight old men and five young girls, lightly clad, writhed, twisted and howled in time to the leader's chant.

Oom, when arrested, said it was only physical culture. Assistant District Attorney Reynolds, who questioned Miss Zelia Hopp and Miss Gertrude Leo, members of the class, believes it was something far more serious than physical culture, and Oom will appear next Thursday for a further examination.

Gertrude Leo, for whose abduction Oom was arrested, met the man in Seattle. She thinks he exercised some peculiar charm over her. At any rate, she followed him to New York "to be treated for her heart trouble," she said. Oom says that she came of her own accord to serve him as a secretary.

When Miss Leo found that she could not collect any wages from the "Tantric Guru" she tried to leave the house, going to the home of the Hopps.

One of the young disciples discovered where the girl had gone and soon Miss Leo received word that important business was waiting for her at the Seventy-fourth street house. She was foolish enough to return and from that time until Monday night she was virtually a prisoner, a member of the dancing class and a teacher of the cult.

It is known that part of the initiation into the

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order included the marriage of the young girls to Oom, the omnipotent.

The women submitted meekly to his will, allowing him to send out their clothes to be pawned. They also brought in as much money as they could get and turned it over to the leader, who rendered no account.

After Oom was held in $15,000 bail he showed that he has read the papers.

"All this white slave business will make it hard for me to beat this case," said he.

GIRL BARES ORGIES IN GORU OOM'S HOUSE.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Bit by bit the secrets of the brownstone house at 258 West Seventy-fourth street are being revealed. This mansion was not only the scene of the strange rites of the so-called Tantrik Order of America and the headquarters of the Loving Seventh Degree Tantrik Guru Oom, the omnipotent, but it sheltered incredible orgies and unbelievable cruelties.

By the testimony of Gertrude Leo, the pretty girl who was lured from her home by the strange influence of Oom and his servants, and who followed Oom across the continent, it will be shown that the young women who joined the order were subjected to the most frightful abuse and privation and that the death of a baby which occurred in the house was directly chargable to the malign influence of "The Loving Tantrik Guru."

Miss Gertrude Leo is a most remarkable young woman. She possesses a mind like a filing cabinet. A name or a date never escapes her.

She was able today to give the correct names and the addresses of many of the disciples of Oom and she was also able to give a comprehensive history of the movements of the Tantrik Guru covering a period of almost two years.

Kellogg, alias Hargis, known to the members as "Kay," the disciple and slave, is a young artist whom Oom picked up on the Pacific coast.

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Kay sought out impressionable young women and brought them to his master.

"For two months before the baby came Duval, its mother, had nothing to eat but breakfast foods, because they were cheap," said Miss Leo. "She was only a girl and very weak from lack of nourishment, but the baby was the most beautiful being I have ever seen and the most perfect. That baby never left the house until it was taken out dead.

"Two weeks before the baby died I took it in my arms and carried it downstairs to the main room, where Oom was sitting with Kay, his disciple and slave.

"I was crying because I could not bear to look at the poor little starved thing, and the baby was crying, too, but it was so weak that its cry was no more than a moaning sound. I took that baby down and I held it out toward Oom.

"'Oom,' I said, 'you are all-powerful here. This baby is starving to death. Won't you do something for it?'

"Oom was angry.

"'What's the matter with you?' he asked me.

"I pulled down the dress so that he could see the thin little neck and the bones sticking almost through the skin. I begged him, with the tears running down my face, to do something for the baby, and he cursed me horribly and told me to keep out of affairs which did not concern me.

"Fergie, its father, went down to Oom ten minutes before the baby died.

"'Oom, baby is dying,' he said. And Oom laughed at him."

Oom is to be arraigned in the police court tomorrow. According to Miss Leo, Oom's real name is Peter Coon. She says he was born in Chicago.

"YOGI" DETAINED ON GIRL'S STORY.

NEW YORK, May 7.—"Oom the Omnipotent," alias Peter Conn, alias Pierre Barnard, high priest of the Tantrik Order of Worship, was held in $15,000 today for trial in the Court of General

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Sessions on charges of seduction under promise to marry.

"I find that the charge has been fully sustained," said Magistrate Breen. "There was not only systematic but scientific seduction. This girl (Gertrude Leo of Seattle, one of the two complainants) has been inveigled into a den of iniquity for the purpose of perpetrating a shameless outrage. She has been murdered, in every respect save physical murder, and I shall not reduce the bail I fixed when I first read the complaint and before the testimony showed the dangerous character of this man and his practices."

The testimony of Miss Leo today went into details, which made the girl's sister, Mrs. Edward H. Miller, who introduced her to Oom in good faith, weep as she listened. During cross-examination Mrs. Miller grew so beside herself that she made a motion to hurl a glass of water at the head of counsel for the defense. Court attendants led her from the room.

Miss Leo testified that she first met Oom in Seattle on Jan. 21, 1909, and that he induced her to come east with him by promises to give her free treatment and a musical education in return for her services as his stenographer. She understood that she would live with his sister.

In point of fact, when she came to New York she was quartered in a flat with two women inmates of the Tantrik order, one of whom was known by one of Oom's aliases. Oom took her down to the Battery the first day she arrived and talked, while they looked out over the sea, of the difference between "simulative and real phenomena."

The ability to produce deceptive appearances, he said, was a simplative phenomenon; the power to influence the souls of others was a real phenomenon. He had both powers.

"I am not a real man," Gerturde Leo testified Oom told her; "I am a god, but I have condescended to put on the habit of a man that I may

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perform the duties of a yogi and reveal true religion to the elect of America."

The girl listened, fascinated. "All priests," she swore Oom continued, "have nautch girls. In my sacred capacity I cannot marry, but our nautch girls serve us as wives. It is the duty of the priest to give her all the world's best goods. She is looked upon as a sacred."

Gertrude Leo consented to become a sacred nautch girl, she testified. She jabbed a steel pen into the palm of her left hand and wrote her name in blood on the roster of the order.

"I both feared and loved him," she swore. "He made me believe he could communicate with priests of the order all over the world, who would sit in council at his complaint and take away my mind if I did not obey him. I complained, but I submitted."

The girl described the rites of the order as they were practiced in the large room where, on the night of the raid, the police found a class of men and women.

Gertrude Leo confirmed in her testimony today the complaint of Zelia Hopp, the other complainant.

Further testimony was that the order of Tantrik worship is widely spread in America and that the international journal of the order has several thousand subscribers. Copies of this magazine were found in the house when it was raided.

CELL CHECKS MAHATMA SEER.

The Mahatma business in Chicago is far from being the flourishing success that it is in New York. This is proved by the sad experience of Moses K. Penn, attache of the "American institution of Raj Yogis and Adepts, under control of the initiates of Tibet," which was conducted at 489 Wabash avenue, but has been closed by the police.

Penn is in the bridewell, and he has been refused a pardon by Mayor Busse. When he was under arrest the "adept of Tibet" said he was a Jew, and his pardon was requested by a representative of

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the Hebrew charities.

He was arrested on complaint of a lawyer of Detroit, who accused him of writing a blackmailing letter in which he posed as a private detective named "Pennington."

Judge Dicker heard the case, and Capt. Stephen Wood produced in court a letetr sent out by the "Institution of Raj Yogis" in which for $13 a correspondence course was offered in the following branches of Hindoo occult sciences:

Levitation of the body, sending the astral body at will to any distance.

Clairvoyance, clairaudience, and mediumship.

Hypnotic love, by means of which a jilted suitor can compel a scornful young woman to return to him and plead to be taken back.

Personal magnetism, including the "magnetic gaze," through which a 500-volt current of electricity may be discharged from the eye at any person whom it is desired to punish.

The letter enters into considerable detail about "Hindoo hypnotic love," which it says will only be taught to persons who pledge themselves to use it only for honorable purposes.

When jilted by his sweetheart the student who wishes to bring her back must put down on a paper her first name and send the name and $3 to the "Institution," which send in return the mystic "number" which rules the young woman.

Putting this number down on paper, the languishing lover repeats a certain formula 200 times a day for six months, and the scornful maid in due time is kneeling at his feet.

With the secret of "Hindoo hypnotic love," the letter says, Delilah put Samson to sleep, and divorce has been banished from India. The letter closes with an attack on all other alleged adepts now in America, who are said to be fakes.

Penn was fined $10 and costs by Judge Dicker. He is described on the police records as a Malay, 23 years old, who is studying medicine in Chicago and trying to earn a living in the Mahatma business on the side.

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The circular letter mentions the name of Mme. Selma La Dusk, a clairvoyant supposed to be associated with the "institution," who, the police say, lives at 1051 West Madison street.

YOUNG WOMAN DIVIDED BY FOUR PERSONALITIES.

Miss Frances Utman, 842 Edgecomb place, the pretty daughter of Simeon Utman, a retired capitalist of California, is in dread that some day she will become a burglar, run for alderman, or join the Salvation Army.

Miss Utman is the only woman on record in the United States possessing a quadruple personality, according to scientific men who have investigated her case.

She is trying to establish a permanent and stable personality by constant change of scene. She wishes to escape by moving from place to place the supposedly malign influences of a buccaneering New England ancestor, one who was a hardshell Baptist exhorter, and another whose political activities in the time of Pitt caused him to be hung at Tyburn.

"Today," declared Miss Utman, "I am my own normal self. At least, I am so led to believe by those who have known me from childhood, but it is by no means certain that I shall be in the same role tomorrow.

"I must say I like this part of the calm, equable, evenly-poised young American woman best of all. I like to wear modish clothes and pretty hats, to go motoring and visit the theaters. All this has to do with character No. 1, which I am assured is my normal type.

"But tomorrow I know I shall want to be a burglar, and all my thoughts will center upon the excitation of midnight marauding. Of course, it never goes any further than reading books about burglaries and burglars, the study of kits of tools, the searching of biographies for robber lore, but,

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after all, that is bad enough. The fact has been demonstrated to my complete satisfaction that my burglarious instincts, so strongly developed in character No. 2, are derived from the spirit influence of my paternal great-grandfather, who was a commander of a privateer in the war of 1812, and excelled in the gentle art of piracy on the high seas.

"The buccaneering fancy soon passes, but it is literaly true that while it lasts I go in for barbaric colors, and to some extent dress the part, while in my today state of mind I detest everything that is not of the most modest color and texture.

"It seems bad enough to want to be a burglar, even if you manage to fight the impulse, but it is not a bit worse than wanting to step right off the curb and beat a tambourine with the first Salvation Army band one encounters.

"This impulse, my psychic guides inform me, is due to the spirit impulse of my ancestor, Rev. Dr. Winthrop Majorbanks, who died in Boston in 1811. He was a famous preacher and those familiar with such matters tell me his influence is being opposed to that of the privateer captain, in a laudable effort to keep me in the straight and narrow path of conventional existence. Many times I have been on the point of leaving my escorts on the crowded streets of large cities to take my place with the Salvation Army singers. The impulse appears almost irresistible and resistance makes me so ill that I have to be taken home, but so far I have never yielded to any of these strange promptings.

"I have one spirit mentor, however, who is the most insistent of all, and I am certain that I shall have to turn suffragette in self defense some of these days.

"My third ancestor, my paternal grand-father's grandfather, was the mayor of Tyburn, and they do say a politician of advanced method, even in his period. The stories I have heard of how he carried political campaigns would delight the heart of a

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modern political ward heeler, and somehow a part of this gentleman's nature has become mine.

"Whenever there is a political campaign, no matter where I may be, even though the candidates are entirely unknown to me and I have not the remotest personal or family interest in the outcome of the campaign, I just languish o 'get into the game.' I want to 'mix' and get votes for somebody. If ever I marry and my husband happens to be in politics, his political future will be made if he makes me an active partner. I owe it all to my political ancestor, but at the same time I am awfully embarrassed sometimes to find myself out late at night watching an election crowd all alone when I know everybody thinks I am in my little trundle bed.

"Your informants are not quite correct in saying that I am taking a course in psychic philosophy to cure myself of anything. I don't need to be cured of anything, but I do want to develop my normal personality, when I have found, out of the four, which one realy belongs to me, so that I may keep the others in proper subjection to my will, and not be in constant terror of yielding to an impulse that will land me on somebody's fire escape with a mask and a bag of loot at 3 a. m., when normally I should wish to be sound asleep.

"I wish to keep abreast of the political affairs of the country, but I don't want to follow an involuntary impulse and penetrate into the wilds of the political back lots on a presidential election night, at least not unless I am most capably escorted.

"Then, again, I am a firm believer in the goodness and greatness of the Salvation Army, but I don't want to preach in it—that is, I only want to when I am wearing blue cloths. I can generally tell when I have a Salvation Amy spell coming on, because I begin by wearing blue with white collar and cuffs. I really own a Salvation Army bonnet. I had such a hankering for one once in Los Angeles that I bought one just to see if I could find out

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what made me want it. Still I have never worn it on the street.

"I think you will find on investigation that I am not so very differently constituted from the rest of womankind. You know we are a little more on the psychic side than you men are. I think we are more susceptible to influences that hover about and tempt us.

Of course, when people yield to these evil suggestions and actually commit sin, we ponderously sit in judgment on them and send them to jail for offenses which, in our cowardly hearts, we know we are just aching to emulate.

The power of resistance is in education. One must pick out that particular one of the dual, triple or quadruple personalities that all human beings have, I believe, and having selected the one which nearest accords with the existing code, cultivate it and fight the others."

"You have no fear, then, that eventually your adventurous instincts will overcome your powers of self restraint?" was asked.

"No," responded Miss Utman, thoughtfully, as she clasped and unclasped her well-formed hands; "no, I think too much of the conventional idea, but —oh, you burglar."

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The extent of this pernicious system of "concentration" of hypnotic force is really beyond the comprehension of the vast majority of the American people.

Married and marriageable women, of wealth and social prominence are special objects of this Oriental diabolism.

Are daily falling victims to it through the persistent attentions of impecunious foreigners and others, who are real or pretended representatives of supposed European nobility.

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It would surprise, very likely disgust, many, if not all of our financially eligible young women and widows, when they are being pursued by some of these foreign noblemen, in marriage, if they but knew how they have been and are, being insistently "concentrated" upon by their pursuers—and others who can be hired for the purpose—to overcome any and all objections to them, and an alliance with them, which, at first may rise in the mind of the intended victim or the members of her family.

These objections, which at first, are often very formidable, gradually vanish under this system of diabolical "Hindu Concentration" a marriage and consequent disasters often follow.

This result of Hindu-psychic concentration usually astonishes the victim, her family and friends, yet it still goes on, quite successfully, as the record of these ill-fated alliances prove.

That there are many of these teachers and practitioners of Hypnotism, Oriental Philosophy, who pose as "adepts" can be hired to "concentrate" upon another person, for all manner of wicked purposes—including murder—is well known to all who have made a careful study of or a very limited investigation along these lines.

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In a distant city, a very beautiful and accomplished unmarried lady of wealth and high social connections, was very diligently pursued in marriage, by one of these impecunious representatives of foreign nobility.

He was educated, an accomplished linguist, handsome, in many respects apparently desirable from various points of mortal analysis, but every time he came in her presence, something in opposition to him arose in

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her mind, she wanted to get away from him, she wanted to fight, why, she did not know.

When away from him, this condition of thought was largely absent, she was then more kindly disposed toward him, yet, when again he would come near her, rebellion immediately arose in her mind, again she wanted to fight, which she thought was not very good evidence of high breeding, but, at the last, "good form" had to be replaced by common sense.

She finally became more passive, less rebellious, less resistant, gradually more receptive, and at last, was ready to accept his ardent attentions.

In conversation with her upon the subject, we told her that she was undoubtedly being "concentrated upon" by him, or some one who knew how to focus their mind upon her, so that her objections would vanish.

We entered upon an investigation, finding that her suitor, was daily visiting one of these "Hindu Adepts" who styled himself a "Mahatma."

We placed our evidence in her possession, which she immediately laid before her father—who could scarcely believe it, but had to—it was so conclusive—the result was, that the suitor and his "Mahatma" accomplice suddenly departed for "a far off sunny clime" their return, not as yet having been heralded in the society columns of the daily press.

The lady is now the happy wife of a real, live American gentleman, the mother of beautiful children, forever freed from the diabolism of Oriental forces.

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Another expression of this system of diabolism—which is now taught in many schools in our midst—is

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that which claims to teach young men how to become successful salesmen.

They claim to teach you how you may train your mind upon a prospective customer, who, when you approach him, will be open and receptive to you and to your proposition, becoming a purchaser, thus enabling you to demonstrate your remarkable ability and become very valuable to your employers.

To all young men, or others, who are seeking to become successful by employing such means, we would say, AVOID SUCH TEACHING UNDER WHATEVER NAME IT MAY APPEAR, AS YOU WOULD A PLAGUE.

If you want to become a real, live successful salesman, ever remember that the elements of commercial success are, Honesty, Intelligence, Industry, Courtesy and your ability to have such goods your customer can use, or can sell to his trade.

Any other course will result in your frequent change of employment, ultimate failure, and your development into a most pronounced "has been," eligible for membership in the "down and out" club, whose members no one want to employ, if ever employed, are so more from motives of charity than real worth.

Commercial success is only created and permanently sustained upon honest principles.

The opposite always produces discredit, dishonor, and failure.

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That this system of "concentration" as now taught by these Oriental degenerates, can be and is used for murderous purposes, is well known to all who have had much experience with these degenerates and their nefarious methods.

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A very common effect of their murderous concentration is a sudden illness of the victim, from "Heart Failure," "Acute Indigestion," "Mental Incapacity," "Nervous Prostration," and many other similar distressing effects.

Many people who have incurred the hate or displeasure of others, have suddenly become ill.

When attended by their physician, have been told that they have been overworked, have developed a tendency to heart failure, nervous weakness, mental distress, indigestion, or some other popular or fashionable complaint, and upon yielding to the advice of, and taking the drugs the physician may prescribe, become no better, steadily growing worse, finally developing into a mental or physical wreck, or both, or—DIE.

The case "baffles the skill" of the physicians who usually are ignorant of the real power of mind over mind, and its relation to disease, but may be very learned in the knowledge of the potency of drugs upon the human organism.

When death ensues, as it usually does, an autopsy does not reveal the REAL CAUSE of the illness or of death, again the learned physicians are "baffled," all because their time and intelligence have been directed to the study of the chemical action of drugs upon the human organism, but have given no time nor attention to the study of the CHEMICAL ACTION of the mind upon the CHEMICAL ELEMENTS of the body, naturally, they would be baffled.

The same power of thought which causes destruction in the physical realm of man, may also be used to create health, wealth and happiness.

It depends entirely for WHAT PURPOSE the power is used.

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There is but ONE POWER, that force is in man, and may be used by him to create or destroy, as he may choose to direct it, how very successful he may become in either case, depends entirely upon his knowledge of the law and his ability to use it.

Whichever way he may use it, so will he reap a surely corresponding result, here or hereafter.

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A few years since, in this city, a gentleman of large business interests, pronounced administrative ability, stood at the head of one of our great industrial enterprises, which gives honorable employment to several thousand people.

He had always enjoyed splendid health, having been endowed with the elements of vigorous mental and physical powers, which he early had learned how to conserve, yet was of an extremely sensitive temperament, almost feminine in its delicacy and refinement, which was expressed in a great love for music, flowers and art.

In the struggle for commercial distinction and supremacy, he incurred the hatred of many jealous rivals—of inferior quality—as all men do who achieve—yet, when in the very zenith of his power and success, suddenly began to develop a tendency to extreme irritability—entirely foreign to him—finally was taken ill, after a few weeks of illness—died, of "heart failure."

The physicians prevailed upon the family to allow an autopsy, which was made.

Upon that examination, it was revealed to the astonished physicians, that every organ in his body was in a healthy condition and that he should have lived many years.

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The question immediately arose—
WHAT CAUSED HIS DEATH?

In the absence of positive knowledge, the physicians diagnosed the case as "heart failure" so signing the death certificate.

In conversation with the head physician in the case, we advanced the argument that the deceased was a victim of "Black Art."

The learned gentleman at first treated the idea very contemptuously, then laughing quite heartily over such a suggestion, treated us with much good natured chaff, but—when we asked him **if there was a distinctive unnatural indentation in the center of the heart, a very curious one indeed,** he began to take notice of our argument.

The result is, that today these same learned medical gentlemen, so learned in drugs, are studying the law of mind and its relation to its chemical action upon the brain and body, with a diligence that is very interesting to observe, seeking all possible information upon this very little known subject.

We know that it will produce good results to themselves, their present and future patients.

This is but ONE of the many disastrous effects of this system of hellish concentration of hate and its attendant diabolism as taught in this country by degenerate representatives of Orientalism.

In this age, it would be well for all to learn how to become proof against all psychic forces—incarnate and discarnate.

MASTER OF YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHIC ENVIRONMENT.

Upon this subject—LATER.

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Some years ago, in a distant eastern city, a spiritualistic publication employed a medium through whom it was supposed reliable psychic spirit messages were given, which were published in every issue of the paper, were accepted as genuine by many of its easily gullible readers.

In our then work, we met one of the officers of a corporation, who desired the services of an accountant to examine the books of his company, and to furnish a report of its condition which was to be mailed to each of its stockholders.

We were engaged for the work, and in the course of our examination, discovered that every stockholder was a spiritualist and a resident of that city.

We also found, upon personal inquiry of each of these stockholders, that they had all been advised by the "psychic spirit Oriental guides" of the "medium" to invest in the stock of the company.

We also found that the "editor" and the "medium" were large stockholders of "preferred stock" for which they had not paid one red cent, while the most "socially prominent" of the investors had paid PAR for their "preferred stock," the less socially prominent ones had been sold "common stock," also at PAR.

The company owned really nothing valuable, but claimed to own much.

It was assured by the "psychic Oriental guides" of the "medium" that the company would completely revolutionize a very important and necessary commercial industry, which would bring great dividends to the investors.

Not one of the officers of the company had paid anything for their stock, one of them holding a ma-

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jority in his own name, which fact he did not disclose to the investors.

He also was drawing a large salary, which fact he also denied to all investors, many to whom we heard him tell the same lies over and over again and again, all of his dupes believed in him, as he had been so highly endorsed by "the guides of the medium."

After making our examination, we made our report to the company.

We then interviewed the "editor" showing the cold, hard, facts in our possession, demanding the discharge of the "medium" and his own resignation as well, or we would give our information to a strictly secular newspaper whose editor would have been very glad to give the facts a wide circulation.

The "medium" was "suddenly taken ill" and was "compelled" to discontinue her "marvelous readings."

The "editor" afterward "resigned" as his "health was so poor" the duties of his position were "too arduous for his sensitive nature." He could no longer stand the strain.

The paper has since ceased publication.

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One of the most insidious and dangerous forms of Hypnotism very common in expression, is that which has been styled by many writers and teachers, as Self-Hypnotism.

A most pronounced expression of it is found in the form of various mortal, psychic conceptions of religious thought.

They who will allow themselves to become dominated with this quality of self-hypnotism or hypnotic force, —in its religious aspect,—will become thoroughly con-

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vinced that they are specially selected by The Almighty, to lead all the darkened souls of earth into a perfect paradise of material power and spiritual realization, that their particular and wildly egotistical plan of salvation is the one and only true way.

They will gather about them a few or many persons of a weak and emotional nature, who will also become infatuated with the idea that they have, at last, found the "true prophet."

Forming into groups, choosing some queerly worded title, for their specially ordained society or organization, they will gradually increase in numbers, until they often assume a publicly recognized character, of very large proportions.

A case in point is John Alexander Dowie.

When Dowie first began his work as a healer and teacher, he was without doubt sincere and honest in his intentions, that the good he might ultimately accomplish was the guiding motive of his early work.

That he healed many people of their physical, real or imaginary infirmities, is unquestioned, but it was what is known as "magnetic healing," not a healing which is the result of spiritual awakening growth and consciousness.

As his field of work enlarged, he was able to attract large numbers to his meetings, finally evolving the scheme of establishing a community through which he could hold his followers, under his will, dominating them with his powerful magnetic personality, controlling, not only their supposed spiritual aspirations, hopes and salvation, but also to fatten upon the product of their united labor.

As his scheme grew in scope and power, he became very mortally ambitious, finally conceiving the hallu-

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cination that he was the reincarnation of one of the prophets of old, came out carrying the high-sounding title of "Elijah II."

From the moment that Dowie conceived the idea of establishing a community which he could control, to perpetuate his name and power before the gaze of mortal man, whatever power of healing he possessed began to diminish.

His lust for mortal power and wealth correspondingly increased, finally falling amidst the ruins of the system he had created, dying a disappointed, disgruntled old man, the laughing stock of his enemies, the object of pity of all people who are able to see the fallacy of such creations.

His deluded followers are still seeking to perpetuate his fallacy through other leaders, who are just as worldly ambitious as he was, with the same result when the crash comes to them.

When will humanity learn to avoid all these self-righteous, self-appointed, self-ordained devotees of perverted human conceptions of the Law of The Spirit—GOD

Learn that spiritual aspiration, growth and consciousness, are not realized by following upon the heels of brutally, worldly demagogues, whose only purpose is to fatten upon the hard-earned savings and labor of all whom they may be able to dupe.

CHRIST and His apostles owned nothing material.

Controlled nothing industrial for financial power and profit.

Sought no glory for themselves.

Did not array themselves in gorgeous attire.

Did not strut about the streets displaying worldly pride.

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But—were so endowed by the Law of The Spirit—Infinite Love—they indeed healed the people of their sins—Ignorance.

CHRIST did not seek to hold the people to Him that He might live and fatten upon the product of their labor and their ignorance which all ecclesiasticism in all its forms, so continually and diligently does.

CHRIST said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." Yet so many selfish, unawakened, undeveloped, misguided souls are so hypnotized with the insane belief that the Kingdom of Heaven is to be found by following upon the heels of some blatant demagogue like Dowie, his successor, or some other self-righteous, self-appointed, self-ordained knave, whose only ambition is to rule a number of weak persons for purely human glory and conceit.

Thousands of people are ever ready to follow after any kind of a religious demagogue who is ready to offer them presumed passports to heaven for cash, cash, cash.

And you say that such men and women are entitled to the right to vote, to determine who shall make the laws of the country.

So easily hypnotized that a force exercised by any representative of religious, political, social, commercial or any other expression of mortal life, could sway them off their feet and bind them to any form of bondage desired.

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One of the most distressing cases of self-hypnotism which has ever come under our observation is that of the late Cassius N. Shafer, the former "Accredited Representative" of the "Red Label Brand" of "Practical Christianity," whose tragic death in the insane asylum at Dunning, should ever be a warning to all

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who are, or ever have been, influenced to accept the selfishly blinded teaching offered by him, by all of his class, and by the society which he represented.

This man was so self-hypnotized by the delusion that he was the reincarnation of Jesus The Christ, that he openly advocated this delusion to those of his followers who tried to look to him for any knowledge and all were made fully aware of the delusion.

His constant thinking of and harboring this hallucination, finally so weakened his mentality that his incarceration in the asylum was a painful necessity.

Many times previous to his incarceration, we held conversations with him, with the hope that he would awaken from such hallucination, but he was so intoxicated with his pet idea that he was The Christ again in the flesh, that he alone was to establish the kingdom of heaven upon earth, that all arguments to show him how fallacious was his claim, were absolutely unavailing, finally it became so dominant as to unbalance his mind.

One of the peculiar conditions in connection with this man, is, that the society which he represented have never made mention of his death, nor the CAUSE of it, but, when they have been asked to state where the man is, have denied that they knew where he had gone, or when he would again return.

There is no doubt that the officers and representatives of the society are unable to state where Mr. Shafer has gone, or when he will return, their knowledge upon such matters is certainly very limited, also of the law which he pretended to teach for them.

It is very amusing yet very instructive to read the literature which this society sends out for acceptance, to read the large number of testimonies of people who

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study their system, one is made very conscious of the fact that among all the testimonies there are never to be found any from those who have been spiritually awakened, all claiming to have been materially prospered, none benefited spiritually.

Yet we will venture to make the statement, that when the officers of the society hear of or read this book, there will be many testimonies published from people who will claim they have been spiritually helped, but there will be no names published, only some initials, which mean nothing. Who will write them? These new testimonies? Well, you may learn more of that later, sufficient for the present, watch for and read the number of testimonies of spiritual awakening from its assumed readers, when our statement is made known.

This is one of those societies which flourish on the "love offering" plan of contributions, and it is surprising to learn what a large number of people there are who are looking to societies, organizations and individuals for material prosperity, on the "love offering" plan in the Name of The Christ.

In the Name of The Christ, when will people awaken from such forms of hypnotism and follow the teachings of The Christ in reality?

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There is in this city, at present, a woman who also has become self-hypnotized with the hallucination that she too is the reincarnation of Jesus, that she is the only one on the planet who will ever be able to save humanity, that all souls who are not able to reach her are lost forever, she holds her deluded devotees in a psychic grasp which is very amusing to witness.

At times, some of them will get a little glimmer

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of light in their darkened intellects, seek to break the baneful influence she exercises upon them, will wiggle like a fish upon the end of a line to get away, but all she has to do is to concentrate her dominant psychic force upon them and threaten them with eternal destruction for their rebellion, and back again like whipped curs they come again into line, through fear alone are held in such slavery, they stand and deliver their hard-earned dollars to support this brazen thing in idleness and luxury.

To try to prove to these dupes the absolute absurdity of all her claims, would be like trying to move a mountain with a feather, their mentalities have become so invaded, saturated and dominated with her hypnotic, magnetic, sensual, earthly psychic force that they obediently follow her commands, like mere puppets.

This lady is also a very pronounced advocate, teacher and practitioner of—

"Hindu Philosophy and Scientific Demonstrator of the Science of Hindu Concentration and Psychic Power."

Simply another name for,—BLACK ART.

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BAHAISM is another grotesque evidence of this psychic Oriental force exercised upon the mentalities of thousands of people in this and other Caucasian countries.

Many good people of wealth and social distinction have become so infatuated with this infamous system of perverted, psychic, Oriental teaching, they have been known to journey to Persia to see "Their Great Master, Abdul-Baha," falling at his feet in idolatrous worship of this individual who is clearly Mohammedan

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by birth, education, principle, religion and expression.

These devotees will return here so hypnotized with this insane, psychic, Oriental delusion, they have been known to form into groups in several parts of our country, for the purpose of erecting temples for the worship of this grossly, fleshy idol of Mohammedan psychic, perverted, religious thought.

If the deluded Bahaists could but be made to realize what is around them and about them on the psychic plane of spirit life, in the form of degraded Oriental spirits, they might be able to come out of their hypnotic state and see how really ridiculous is his claim, to realize what a lot of idiots they all are, but no, they are like so many thousands of their kind, for if there is any one thing that humanity loves to do it is to worship at the shrine of a man-made religion and religious idols of some kind.

If they cannot find one to suit their distorted and diseased imaginations, they will create one, in either case, will fall down and worship it, whether it be made of flesh, gold, silver, precious stones, brass, iron, lead, stone or any other of the baser elements of the earth—EARTHY.

Such are some of the monstrosities of distorted mortal minds, which indicate beyond much doubt—

That the vast majority of humanity are insane upon the subject of perverted religious thought, which, if not checked by a return to sound reason will ultimately prove the ruin of the race.

It is in a great measure true in this day.

Read the following items and learn how some of the followers of Bahaism are now tattooing upon the reputations of each other in their wild endeavor to

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establish the "loving fellowship feeling" which this Oriental hypocrisy preaches about:

BAHAISTS SPLIT BY "REVELATION."

H. C. Thompson's Claim as "Herald of the Kingdom" Breaks Up Love Feast.

MANY THINK IT IS TRUE.

Purports to Come from Abdul-Baha, Head of the Sect, Through "Estelle."

The rising of a "herald of the kingdom of God" and his attempted reading of a "revelation, spoken to him from the world beyond," brought an abrupt end to a gathering of delegates to the national convention of Bahaists of America at the Masonic Temple yesterday, and transformed the scheduled love feast into an exciting controversy.

The herald was Henry Clayton Thompson, 3510 Carroll avenue, for the last seven months lecturer at the weekly meetings of the sect. The message he brought, or tried to bring, although it attacks some of the tenets of the sect, is approved by so many that it threatens to disrupt the organization.

"I do not claim to be a messiah," said Mr. Thompson. "The country is choked with messiahs now. I would not have claimed to be a herald of the kingdom had not that title been given me voluntarily by Abdul-Baha, the head of Bahai. My message is that of a loyal American who refuses to accept oriental superstition. It is the message of a thinker."

Mr. Thompson exhibited a "tablet" from Abdul-Bahai, granting the commission, and praising him highly for his research, which at that time had been directed along lines favorable to the creed.

Part of the commission follows:

"O, thou who art informed of the mysteries, rest thou assured his highness, Bara'o'Llah, is thy

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helper, and Abdul-Baha thy companion and intercessor; and ere long thou shalt behold that the world of souls and spirits is under thy divine power. Therefore bestow thou the glad tidings of the appearance of the kingdom, guide the souls, train the intellects so that the holy and hidden prowess which like unto the light of the candle are concealed in the reality of man may become apparent and manifest.''

The souls and intellects of many of his hearers didn't seem to care for guidance or to give the glad tidings a cordial welcome when the herald began to criticise the tenets of Bahai. They scorned Mr. Thompson's revelation.

''I abhor spiritualism and mediums,'' said Mr. Thompson, ''but this was a distinct proclamation from one of the supreme conclave. Eighteen bigoted people, six of whom claim to have partaken of the spirit of Abdul-Baha through being in his presence in Acca, Syria, have formed a conspiracy to keep me from the delivery of this proclamation. Therefore I appeal to the Bahais of America.''

The proclamation came through the voice of ''Estelle'' as the word of ''Zon Zhoum,'' a high priest in Egypt a century before the birth of Moses. Zon Zhoum claims the bringing forth of Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, and warns the herald of trial and martyrdom.

Friends of Mr. Thompson, comprising about half the local sect, demanded the reading of the proclamation at the love feast. Others opposed it strenuously and the chairman, Montford Mills of New York, ruled against it.

The feast broke up immediately, and Mr. Thompson was the center of a gesticulating crowd, some shaking his hand, others declaring their tablets hadn't mentioned him at all. None of his opponents could produce a revelation.

''It is a pure case of exaggerated ego,'' said Attorney Albert S. Hall of Minneapolis, a delegate to the convention. ''I do not think Mr. Thompson will be followed at all.''

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"I'm disgusted with that crowd for refusing Mr. Thompson the floor," stated F. E. Rock, a Chicago real estate man. "Through him we have learned more of the realities than we ever did before, and I'm always with him."

"These ideas my opponents are trying to force on us are the worst seed ever planted in American soil, but they won't come up," exploded Mr. Thompson. "I shall wait for my teaching to take root, and then start a new sect. I am confident of the support of real Americans and of many of the millions abroad who would follow Bahai were it not for the errors."

The Bahaist convention will hold business sessions at Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, all day today. The convention is attended by forty-one delegates.

BRANDS BAHAI PLAN AS HOAX.

Revealing as a hoax the "revelation" on which Henry Clayton Thompson, Bahaist leader, is said to have based the theory that he was a prophet who would rank in history with Jesus, Moses and Mohammed, Mrs. Estelle Hamsley, 3408 Fulton street, branded the man as a "pious fraud" today. She said he had sought to "establish himself as the special manifestation of God in America."

Indignant at the charge of women Bahaists that she had hypnotized Thompson, Mrs. Hamsley, whom Thompson considered a sort of "spiritual affinity," told the story of how she had conceived the idea of telling him a lot of "oriental stuff" to see how he would take it, and that he not only accepted it as truth but insisted on believing her a special messenger sent from God to inform him of his near-divine mission.

Confronted by charges of Mrs. Hamsley that he not only had sought to perpetrate a "religious fraud," but attempted to induce her to get women to subscribe money to advance his cause, Thompson admitted that he had been "fooled" in imagining

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himself a "herald of God," as he interpreted the "revelation" of Mrs. Hamsley.

The "revelation" is said to have come to Thompson at a meeting at the residence of Mrs. Hamsley April 15, at which a number of Bahaists were present. It was on occurrences at this meeting that Mrs. Hamsley said the Bahaist women based their conclusions that she had hypnotized him.

"To the friends who were present at my home that night I want to say," said Mrs. Hamsley, "that Mr. Thompson was not the dupe he appeared to be. I am willing to take oath to this. He was, to the best of my knowledge and belief, deliberately perpetrating on them a pious fraud for the purpose of establishing himself in the Bahai cause as the special manifestation of God in America, the second appearance of Christ, the superior of Baha-o-Llah."

Mrs. Hamsley also said that at the meeting grape juice and cakes were served to her guests and that Thompson was given a glass of the grape juice as he knelt before her. In rising he spilled a little of the juice on his sleeve and immediately declared, she said, that this forecast that his blood would be spilled as a religious martyr.

"All during the evening I was laughing, particulary at Thompson, so that I could hardly keep them from seeing it," continued Mrs. Hamsley. "I had to hide my face behind a handkerchief frequently to keep them from witnessing my amusement."

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The civilized world was astounded when San Francisco was shaken to its very center by an earthquake, resulting in the loss of many lives and vast values in property, but few if any, paused to think what a hell-hole of iniquity was also wiped out in that general ruin, for that loathsome pestilence of moral depravity—the Chinese quarter—was practically annihilated.

The people of San Francisco had for many years passively allowed that monstrous Oriental Vampire to

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fasten its loathsome toils upon the city, until its inhabitants fairly groaned under the reeking slimy burden of physical moral leprosy.

It required a tremendous force to uproot it, an earthquake was about the only known physical force which could make an impression upon the people which were held in its grasp.

It was indeed an evidence of the law of cause and effect in relation to moral and physical law. It certainly was necessary for some great power to be made manifest to break the hypnotic force that was so evidenced in the passiveness of the people—to release the city—even temporarily—from the clutch of this hideously licentious octopus.

Were an individual to gradually incorporate into his physical body, a poison, which would cause moral debauchery and ultimate physical death, all persons interested in the individual, would cry out in horror at the slow but certain suicide.

But when a city or a nation, which would harbor such a system of slimy, moral leprosy—as all Orientalism is—allowing it to grow and gradually fasten its loathsome fangs upon the municipality or the government, no heed is paid to the cry of the localized stricken people.

Nothing is done by the "powers that be" which rule the city, state or nation.

The people are seemingly powerless, mostly selfishly hellishly indifferent, are so saturated with lustful interest in their own personal affairs they neither think of nor care what effect is of the present or the future.

Some who are awake to the real facts, recognize the almost hopelessness of eradicating it, except by a revolution or some other method of armed violence.

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The political elements of cities, states and the nation, profit too largely in allowing this hideous monter to prey upon the youth of our country, to ever attempt taking steps for its extinction.

Like a rapacious cancer it is slowly but surely eating its way into the moral, political and commercial life of our cities, through them into the very life of the nation itself, sapping its moral tone, producing all manner of moral and political leprosy in national, state and municipal corruption.

Our national and state legislators are too busy "grafting" to pay any attention to this loathsome disease, which is surely undermining the moral standard of the American Home, creating a disorder in the minds of our young men and women that is appalling.

Here and there, at intervals, in different parts of our country the daily press records the murder of some misguided woman who has become infatuated with one of these sleek, oily Orientals—who are past-masters in the use of hypnotic power—a great spasmodic cry is made—for a day—by emotional clergymen and others, who then go into retirement, mumble a few prayers, but do nothing to get rid of this pestilence—the whole affair is soon forgotten in the whirl of personal selfish interests which so largely occupy the time and attention of our people.

The occurrence is lost sight of—BUT THE DISEASE EXISTS.

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One of the very interesting and curious expressions of our distorted national selfishness and blinded egotism, is the negligence displayed by our national authorities, in the fact of their listless, impotent and wholesale indifference to the AWAKENING OF THE

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ORIENTAL MIND from the so-called easy victory of Japan over Russia.

Americans have become so saturated with national egotism and lust for wealth through the rapid and marvelous development of their commercial power and expansion, they have become lost in that ONE selfish expression, paying no heed to the menace of the Oriental mind, **which also has become awakened in consequence of its seemingly easy victory over one of the greatest nations which is a part of the Caucasian Group.**

NAPOLEON said, one hundred years ago,—

"That within another century the Caucasian race would face a struggle with the Oriental race for racial world supremacy."

He saw with intuitive accuracy the state of consciousness of the Oriental mind, which is inhumanly and monstrously selfish.

He saw what the Mohammedan system of religious philosophy and teaching would create in the minds of the vast hordes of degraded and unawakened Orientals then existing, and then yet unborn, which today outnumbers the Caucasians by many, many millions, how many millions no one is able to tell, but they are enormously numerous.

When Japan awakens the fighting force of China and India to the real value to them of an Oriental coalition against the Caucasian race, is ready to supply them with arms, simply for the asking, then the fighting elements of Orientalism will show their power and the worst of all wars will be upon the planet.

Oriental Fanaticism against Modern Civilization.

With the chances very much against the latter as to results.

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The condition is one which should engage the thought, attention and force of every live man and woman of the whole white race.

Not a system for aggression against the Oriental race.

But, protection from invasion and control by them.

Could the several governments of Europe and America be safely and securely banded together for protection from invasion, from this to be, United Oriental Power, always standing upon the defensive, the control of the future peace of the world could be positively assured.

But the insane jealousies of these powers of each other, diminishes the prospect of an Universal Caucasian Coalition for its racial protection and preservation.

The Oriental mind is fully alive to this existing state of wicked national jealousy and selfishness.

Knows just what may be expected from them when the crash comes.

They could not be relied upon to stand united against the common enemy of their race.

Each would be seeking to gain its own selfish end.

Protecting at all hazards its own national interests.

Even at the destruction of its own Caucasian brother.

The Oriental mind, though at times they may war among themselves, ARE AS A UNIT IN THEIR HATE OF THE WHOLE WHITE RACE.

The basis of their religion, philosophy and teaching is once and for all, as MOHAMMEDAN.

The Mohammedan religion teaches the murder of a Christian as a sure passport to Paradise.

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What may be expected from a race whose fighting force is educated by its priests to believe that its future happiness is eternally assured by the torturing and murdering of all Christians, needs no great intellect to portray.

The following pages throw much light upon this very important and interesting subject:

MURDER NO CRIME FOR MOSLEM CULT.

Putting to Death of Christians or Other Unbelievers Is Praised.

By Ex-Attache.

Murder is no crime in the eyes of Islam when the slayer is a Moslem and his victim an unbeliever—that is to say, a Christian, a Jew, a Parsee, or a Buddhist. This doctrine, familiar to those who have lived for any length of time in Mohammedan countries independent of foreign control, but which has hitherto been generally ignored not only here in the United States and in western Europe but even in British India and in Egypt, has been brought into prominence within the last two weeks by the refusal of the grand Mufti at Cairo to approve of the capital sentence passed upon Wardani, the assassin of Prime Minister Boutros Pasha, on the ground that a Moslem cannot be put to death for killing a Christian.

The grand Mufti also gave two other reasons for for his attitude, both of them of a childish character. One of them was to the effect that there is no mention of revolvers in the Koran or in that Cheriat law which is based on the holy writ of Islam—the Cheriat dating back to the eighth century—and consequently that any Moslem making use of a revolver to wound or murder is guiltless of any crime known to the sacred law. The third argument of the grand Mufti was that the relatives

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of Boutros Pasha had failed to appear at the trial as prosecutors.

Dismissing the two latter reasons as puerile, the first of the three put forward by the grand Mufti in behalf of his refusal to sanction the sentence passed by the native courts at Cairo, upon Wardani, is one that invites serious consideration, for the grand Mufti is the divine whose interpretation of Koranic and Cheriat law, as applied to the questions of the day, are final. He is a magnate of whose spiritual authority the temporal rulers of the country must take account. Despotic khedives, and even the most powerful sultans, have been compelled to submit to his yoke.

When Suleiman the Magnificent, perhaps the grandest of all Ottoman rulers, demanded of Grand Mufti Abu Saoud a fetwa, declaring it lawful to put to death all the inhabitants of conquered European provinces who refused to embrace the faith of Islam, the grand Mufti declined to comply. Again, when Abbas I. of Egypt, the most saturnine fanatic and cruel of tyrants who have held sway at Cairo, attempted to exile the Grand Mufti Sheikhel-Abbasi to the Sudan for refusing to issue a fetwa empowering him, Abbas, to ratify sentences of death passed on Moslems, there was so great a disturbance among all true believers throughout the land of the Nile that the viceroy was not only prevented from putting into exection his decree of banishment against the grand mufti, but even found it prudent to appease popular anger by loading him with honors.

Now, Cairo, and not Constantinople, is the headquarters of moslem orthodoxy, and from its celebrated University of El Azhar, which occupies much the same relation to Islam that Oxford does to the Church of England, have been graduated for the last ten centuries all those teachers of moslem doctrine who are responsible for the fact that today between 200,000,000 and 300,000,000 of the human race are followers of the prophet.

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The influence of the El Azhar university extends throughout Africa and Asia, even to China, to the Dutch Indies, and to the Philippines, where the Mohammedan population now subject to the rule of the United States is sufficiently large and influential to maintain a riwak, or settlement of students of its own at this university on the banks of the Nile.

When, therefore, the grand mufti of Egypt—that is to say, the chief of the three great authorities of the El Azhar, the other two being the rector and the grand cadi—takes upon himself to proclaim the doctrine that the killing of a Christian or any other unbeliever by a Moslem is neither murder nor yet a crime, it is a matter for serious reflection by all civilized powers, such as the United States, having millions of Moslems subject to its rule. For there is no doubt whatsoever but that every devout Mohammedan not only in Egypt but throughout the length and breadth of Africa, in the European and Asiatic provinces of the Ottoman empire, in the British and Dutch East Indies, and in the Philippines, will take the lesson of the grand mufti to heart, will regard his utterance about the matter as inspired and as the infallible interpretation of the sacred law, and when the English compel the execution of Wardani will look upon the latter in the light of a martyr.

It is this condition of affairs and the existence of these religious principles that have rendered it so difficult for the United States and for other western powers to obtain redress from the Turkish authorities for the destruction of life and property of their subjects who may happen to have been traveling or residing within the borders of the Ottoman empire, and if some hangings have taken place, for the purpose of appeasing foreign anger, those who have met the death on the gallows have rarely been the real culprits, while other grounds have been fabricated for their execution than the mere trival murder of a Christian.

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Some of the most influential of Mohammedan societies, as, for instance, that of the Senoussi, which may be regarded as the Moslem counterpart of the Christian order of Jesuits, not only tolerate the murder of Christians, but even advocate it, in the most open and unvarnished fashion, teaching that the slaying of an unbeliever is pleasing in the sight of Allah and of his prophet. Indeed, one of the chief precepts of the order of the Senoussi is to the effect that any Jew or Christian who is not a Rayah, that is to say, a fullfledged subject of some Mohammedan government, is, ispo facto, an adversary, whom it is lawful, nay, necessary, to rob and kill at all times and in all places. And should the true believer meet with death himself while engaged in putting these teachings into execution he is assured of eternal salvation, that is to say, of celestial happiness, according to Mohammedan ideas.

The Senoussi are said to number some 30,000,000 Mohammedans, their chief makes his headquarters at Jerboub, to the south of Tripoli, and beyond the ill defined western border of Egypt, somewhere about latitude 30 degrees and longitude 24:20. The power and influence of the grand master of the order is great. The activity of his agents extends from the Atlantic shores of Africa to the far orient, that is to say, to the Pacific coast of China, and to the Philippines, while if the Sheikh-ul-Islam at Constantinople, and the grand mufti, the grand cadi, and the rector of the El Azhar university of Cairo, are not actually members of the order, they at any rate entertain friendly relations with its grand master, who has his duly accredited agents at Stamboul and on the banks of the Nile.

The dream of the Senoussi is that of the universal empire promised by the Koran. The feeling of intense hatred against the Christian is deeply engrafted in their hearts, and whether latent or eruptive the work which goes on in connection therewith is continuous and lasting. They are at

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any moment prepared to seize the opportunity of a struggle with civilized nations, and their sole aim is that holy war, for the proclamation of which all devout Moslems are watching—namely: the Jehad.

THRONG TO INDIA'S SHRINE.

Benares is Visited by More Than 1,000,000 Pilgrims a Year.

REGARD CITY AS HOLIEST.

Sacred Monkeys and Cattle Wander About Unmolested.

By Frank G. Carpenter.

Benares, May 28.—This is the holiest city on the face of the globe. All who die within fifty miles of Benares, whether they be Hindoos or Mohammedans, Buddhists or Christians, go straight to heaven. Even to visit Benares wipes away sins, and to bathe in the Ganges, which flows by it, will make you eternally happy. It is the greatest pilgrimage city on earth. The tomb of Confucius in China, the birthplace of Mohammed at Mecca, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem all put together have not half the worshipers. More than a million pilgrims annually kneel at these shrines. In coming to them thousands have prostrated themselves again and again, measuring their journey by their own lengths, and every pilgrim thus goes around the holy spots near the city, making a circuit of forty-five miles. This pilgrimage takes six full days, and the route is marked with temples and shrines.

Everywhere I go I see Brahmin priests. They can be told by the caste marks on their faces and half naked bodies, and by the white strings around their necks. There are more than 30,000 of them in Benares. They are found near the temples and under great umbrellas down on the Ganges. They will cure your sins for a price; they also take care

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of idols to the number of a half million or more.

Benares is a city of sacred beasts as well as of sacred men. It swarms with sacred cows and great white bulls with bumps on their backs. It has sacred apes and a great temple in which the monkeys live with a goddess. I visited that temple this morning and watched the priests sacrifice a live goat to Durga, the goddess of suffering death. The temple is surrounded by a wall. In front of it is a stone upon which is a forked post with two prongs. The goat's neck was tied to the fork and cut off by a half naked Hindoo with the blow of a cleaver. As the ax struck the blood spurted, and the horrid goddess, it seemed to me, burst into a grin.

Durga is supposed to love blood. She has a necklace of skulls under her blood dripping mouth. She is crowned with snakes like the Medusa, and her face is covered with gore. She is fond of sacrifices and thousands of human beings have been killed on her altars. The British have forbidden this now, but it was only a little more than a generation ago, during a famine, that a boy was found with his neck cut in a temple to Durga not far from here, and within twenty-five miles of Calcutta a human head decked with flowers was placed on the altar of this goddess.

Among the strange features of the temple are the monkeys which throng its courts and which live in the trees which hang over it. The monkeys are sacred to Vishnu, another great deity. They are kept and revered as representations of the monkey god Ram, and are considered gods and goddesses who must not be touched. They are fed by the priests and pilgrims and are so tame that they will come to your feet.

At the entrance to the temple were peddlers selling popcorn, and I bought some for these beasts. As I carried it into the temple they jumped at me and grabbed the corn from the plate. As it fell upon the floor monkeys came down in droves from the trees and chattered and grinned while they

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chewed up the grain. I was warned not to touch or strike them, as they are vicious and sometimes bite strangers. There were also many baby monkeys, which trotted about singly and with their parents, and a dozen half starved dogs which rushed in and fought with the monkeys for the popcorn.

From the monkey temple I went to the Golden temple. This is in the heart of Benares. It is one of the most beautiful buildings of the city and it has spires and domes plated with gold. It is dedicated to Shiva, the husband of Durga, another on one of the Himalaya mountains and to be waited terrible god. Shiva is supposed to sit enthroned on by minor gods and innumerable spirits.

He is the god of time and of death and destruction. He is also the creator, and one of his symbols is the bull. He is the ruler of evil spirits and ghouls, and at nightfall he prowls where the dead lie. He is the god of the fanatics who go about naked covered with ashes and who pose themselves standing for months, days and years in one place with their hands stretched up to heaven.

The Golden temple is about the holiest place in Benares. I was stopped at the door by the priest, and told that none but Hindoos could enter. I could see through the doorway, however. The court was filled with people from all over India. They were of all classes, some clad in rich dresses and others in rags. They were from city and country, from all parts, from the Himalayas in Nepal and from south Hindustan.

Connected with the temple is a courtyard containing a well, the water of which is so holy that he who drinks it will go to heaven. The water is ladled out by priests to the pilgrims, who throw flowers and other things down the well as their offerings. These decay, and make the contents filthy and putrid. It smells like bad eggs, but it is bought by the cupful and gulped down. When the Mohammedans once tried to take Benares

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it is said that one of the stone gods of the Brahmins jumped into this well.

Not far from the golden temple is the cow temple, filled with animals holy to Shiva. This is more like a stable than a church. Imagine a court the size of the ordinary barnyard with a band stand in the center. Let the court be walled around with great stalls, in which a hundred sacred bulls stand. They are white and dove colored and as clean limbed as a Jersey. They have great humps on their backs and their ears hang down like those of a rabbit. They are as fat as butter and fatter by far than the lean pilgrims who honey about them, giving them food. Here and there through the courtyard a bull or cow moves, munching flowers and grass handed to it by the pilgrims.

I saw one go up the steps to the altar in front of the god and bite at a wreath of flowers upon a worshiper's neck. The Hindoo thought this a favor of the gods and he brought Ganges water and gave it to the bull. I saw one pretty girl hugging a bull. She was a slender brown maiden, whose form, worthy to be a model for Venues, was clad in a single strip of dark navy blue cotton. She had a red cashmere shawl around her head, which hid all but the great black eyes. Her hands and arms were bare and in the former she held a garland of bright yellow flowers, one yard in length. She brought this to the biggest bull in the stables, and chanted a prayer as she handed it to him.

The dove colored beast ate the flowers and as he did so she threw her arms around his neck and gave him a hug. It made me think of Apis, the bull of Memphis, who was worshiped by the Egyptians, and also the fair Io, whom Juno turned into a cow because of the flirtations of Jupiter.

These sacred cows and bulls are to be seen everywhere. They are bovine gentlemen and ladies of leisure, who go about staring into the shops and crowding human beings out of the way. Now and then they visit a fruit stand or vegetable

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seller's and take a bite of such food as they fancy. The people do not strike them nor ill treat them in any way. They will not eat beef and to slaughter cattle would not only lose castle in this world, but doom them to punishment for all time to come.

Outside the Golden temple stood men peddling flowers for the bulls, and also necklaces, anklets and other jewelry for women and men. There were a score of beggars, and the lame, halt, and blind were jostled by the bulls and cows. One poor fellow, all skin and bones and naked except for a breech cloth, had lost his arms at the biceps, and he wagged the red stumps at me as he nodded his head to the brass plate on his knee. He was delighted with the one-fourth of a cent which I gave him.

MILLIONS IN INDIA ADORE PROPHET.

Mohammedans Now Number One-fifth of Total Population of Hindustan.

By Frank G. Carpenter.

Delhi, June 17.—Surrounded by the mighty ruins of Akbar and Shah Jehan, the Mohammedan emperors of India's past, I write of the Mohammedans of India's present.

You all know how the Moguls overran this country six or seven hundred years ago. They ravaged it from one end to the other, enslaved the Hindoos, and built here some of the most gorgeous palaces and mightiest fortifications the world has ever seen. They organized a great government, and for generations they ruled supreme. As to the wonders of their remains. I shall write farther on. This letter is about their descendants.

The Mohammedans of India now number one-fifth of the whole population. We are accustomed to look upon India as a land of the Hindoos. It is so; but it has one Mohammedan for every three

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Hindoos, and in muscle and independence of spirit he is the stronger. He forms a big element in the unrest of today, and if a civil war should occur or the British leave India he will ravage the land from one end to the other.

Have you ever thought of the extent of Mohammedan India? The followers of the prophet are scattered all over this country, and in some of the provinces they are in the majority. There are 60,000,000 all told. This is more than the entire population of the German empire. It is almost twice as many as the Mohammedans of Turkey, Arabia, Palestine, and Syria, and about one-fourth of all the Mohammedans of the world.

Two or three years ago there was a missionary conference at Cairo, which estimated the number of followers of the prophet. It put it at 232,000,000. A leading German authority makes the Mohammedans 259,000,000, and I have seen statistics which claim that they number all told as many as 300,000,000. Putting it at 240,000,000 to be on the safe side, the Indian Mohammedans are one-fourth of the whole. They stand ahead of those of the Turkish empire, who are 35,000,000, and after them come those of China, Persia, and various parts of the African continent. Europe has only about 5,000,000 Mohammedans. Russia in Asia has 14,000,000, and we have at least one-third of a million among the Moros of the Philippine islands.

I found Mohammedans all over the Dutch East Indies. They are in Borneo, Sumatra, and the Celebes. There are more than 25,000,000 of them in Java alone, and one finds their mosques scattered throughout the settlements along the Straits of Malacca and about the Gulf of Siam. The kingdom of Siam is supposed to be Buddhist, but it has a million Mohammedans. I met Mohammedans in Burma, and I have seen them praying with their faces toward Mecca, in different parts of the Chinese empire. Indeed, I was surprised to find so many of this religion in Peking. China all

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told has from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 followers of the prophet. It has one province which contains 8,000,000, another which has 6,000,000, and another 4,000,000. Altogether one-fifth of the whole population of Asia is Mohammedan, and they form the ruling element in Afghanistan, Beluchistan, Persia, Arabia, Palestine, Syria, Asia Minor, and Chinese Turkestan.

As to Africa, that is a Mohammedan continent in that it has more Mohammedans than members of any other religion. Three or four years ago I went around the whole of Africa and I was seldom out of sight of a Mohammedan prayer rug. Morocco has magnificent mosques, and in Algeria and Tunis there are fanatics who frequently endanger the lives of Christians. There are mosques all along the Niger, and especially in the country about Timbuktu. Every oasis of the Sahara has them, and Barbary has some of the most intolerant of these believers. Egypt is almost altogether Mohammedan, and, in fact, north of 20 degrees 90 per cent of the people say their prayers facing Mecca.

There is a big awakening of the Mohammedans in India. In the reform schemes now proposed they are asking for their full share in the council of the viceroy. A delegation recently demanded five seats in that council from as many provinces, to be elected exclusively by Mohammedan voters, and additional Mohammedans elected by property owners as well as one to be nominated by the viceroy of Beluchistan. It has already been decided to give them a big representation, and from now on they will ask for more and more of the offices.

So far the Hindoos have been getting more than their share, and the Mohammedans feel it. They think they have been pounded by both the British and people of other religious without reason. In a recent speech one of them compared their position as like that of the toad in the schoolboy's fable. Said the man to the boy: "Why are you throwing

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stones at it, it's only a toad?'' ''Yes,'' was the reply of the boy, ''and I'll larn it to be a toad.''

The orator claimed that the other faiths were trying to ''larn'' the Mohammedan to be a toad. He claimed that this has been their action for years, and concluded by saying that the Mohammedan toad like that of Shakespeare, might yet have a ''precious jewel in its head,'' and it should be properly treated.

The Hindoos of India have practically monopolized the schools. They are greedy for education, and especially so as a step to government office. They are quick to learn, and they comprise the greater part of the 5,000,000 students in the government schools. The Mohammedans are naturally illiterate. It is a principle of their religion that there is nothing good outside the Koran, and in the past the only incentive for them to learn has been that they might read their bibles. According to the best estimates, about 90 per cent of the Mohammedans of Tripoli, Algeria, and Egypt cannot read and write. The Bedouins are all illiterate, the Persians are almost as bad, and here in India 96 per cent of the Mohammedans cannot read. That is, there are only four persons in every hundred among them who can read and write, and that under the English government in a semi-civilized country.

The Mohammedans have been discussing their situation since the Japan-Russian war. They feel that it is their own fault that they have not a greater share in the government. The desire for education is spreading. Cheap translations of the sacred books are being circulated, and associations for the improvement and elevation of the Mohammedans are being formed.

The more progressive are now sending their boys to government schools, and many are patronizing the Mohammedan college at Aligarh. This institution is situated about seventy-eight miles from here in one of the old cities of India. It was started thirty-five years ago as a small school, but it is now

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an up to date, modern college, giving a degree of bachelor of arts. It has a staff of English university graduates at teachers, but its trustees are Mohammedans and many of the professors are of that religion. In addition to the ordinary studies, it pays special attention to Sanskrit, Arabic, and Persian, and the students are carefully instructed in the Mohammedan religion.

The Koran is read in the chapel and prayers are enforced, the boys bowing toward Mecca as they go through devotions.

The Aligarh students are devoted to modern athletics. They have a cricket team which is one of the best in India, and they strain and tug at football and run upon the track. The college is independent of the government, and it is largely supported by the contributions of Mohammedans.

In addition to this school there are minor institutions in some of the Mohammedan cities, and the missionaries are enrolling more and more Mohammedans in their schools from year to year. This is especially so with the Y. M. C. A., which has boarding clubs and hotels in which Mohammedans and Hindoos eat together. This means much in a caste country like India.

The Mohammedan, when the hour of prayer comes, bobs down upon his knees in the open and goes through his long devotion wherever he may be. You may often see him reading his bible—the Koran—while in his shop, and you will find him praying everywhere. If he is at all devout he goes to the mosque every day and prays there in public. He always washes before he prays, and he takes off his shoes before he steps upon the holy floor of his church. He makes the stranger do likewise or requires him to put on slippers over his shoes, that the sacred pavements may not be defiled. This is what I had to do when I went with a high priest through the Jamma Musjid today, although his holiness told me I might keep my hat on.

And this brings me to India's greatest mosque. It is called the Jamma Musjid and it is situated

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here on the banks of the Jumma on a plateau of rock between Delhi fort and the city. It is somethink like 500 years old, having been built by Shah Jehan, the same man who erected the Taj Mahal at Agra, considered the most beautiful building of the whole world. The Jumma Musjid is of red sandstone inlaid with white marble. It has three great domes and mighty minarets from the tops of which the imans call the hours of prayer five times a day. It is the biggest mosque in the world, surpassing anything in Cairo or Constantinople and larger than the famed Mohammedan churches of Kairouan. The Jamma Musjid has a paved court of more than four acres in front of it, and this is walled by cloisters which run around its three sides.

As we walked through the high priest pointed out the beauties of the mosque, translating the texts of the Koran inlaid here and there. He took me to the pulpit, which is cut out of a single block of solid marble, and as a special favor showed me the greatest treasure possessed by the church. This is kept in a vault of stone with numerous doors, which are guarded by two gray bearded followers of the prophet. At the direction of the high priest these doors were opened.

My curiosity rose as key after key was used, and when at last I was shown a casket covered with glass I expected a great diamond or some collection of rubies and pearls. I looked in and saw nothing until his holiness pointed to a single rough, red, wiry hair in the center. The hair was about two inches long and so fastened by glue to the casket that it stood straight up. I was told that it was a real hair from the mustache of Mohammed and that it made the mosque especially holy.

It reminded me of a mosque which I visited at Kairouan in Tunisia. This was built by the barber of Mohammed, who buried under its foundation three hairs from the beard of the prophet. The barber stole these hairs one day while shaving Mohammed and carried them about with him for the rest of his life. One he kept under his tongue,

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another over his heart, and the third glued to his right arm. Upon his death they were planted and the mosque built above them.

The golden pagoda of Rangoon, the most famous Buddhist monument of the world, is erected over seven or eight hairs of Buddha, and down in Ceylon there is a wonderful temple which contains Buddha's favorite tooth.

Another beautiful mosque here is known as the Moti Musjid, or Pearl mosque. It was built about 250 years ago by Arungzeb, one of the Mohammedan emperors, and it is the sister to the Pearl mosque at Agra, built by Shah Jehan. Both of these structures are of white marble exquisitely carved and inlaid. That of Agra is perhaps the most beautiful religious building of the whole world. The court is of marble squares, and inside are prayer spaces like those of the Jamma Musjid. There is a great marble tank in the center of the court, and upon the walls are inscriptions inlaid in black, which compare the building to a pearl and describe its builder as the king of kings and the shadow of God.

In general there are about as many sects among the Mohammedans as the Christians. Mohammed told his followers that after he died the religion would be divided and seventy-three sects would arise. There are more than this in the Mohammedan world. In India the four principal schools are the Sunnites, the Shiahs, the Wahabis, and the new progressive school, which is in favor of education and almost everything modern. It is from this last school that the chief unrest comes. The college at Aligarh represents it, and among its members are those who belong to the various Moslem leagues and Moslem agitators.

There is another sect here known as the Order of Assassins, which is also found in Arabia and Persia. It was instituted by a mahdi who appeared at the time of the crusades and who believed in political assassination as a cure for various ill.

In the main, however, the India Mohammedans

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believe much the same as their brothers of this religion in other parts of the world. They believe in one God and his prophets, of which the chief is Mohammed. They have faith in predestination of good and ill and think the day of judgment will come.

They believe in angels and witches and devils. The angels are legion and they are headed by Gabriel. Every man has an angel upon each side of him at all times. Each of these has a notebook and he writes down the good and the ill that the man does at the time he does it. The recording angel of the good stands on his right and of evil on his left, and when the Mohammedan spits he always spits to the left.

As to the witches or genii, they are much like those described in the Arabian Nights. They are made of fire and can assume all sorts of shapes. All the Mohammedans believe in them and that they live in the mountains which surround the world.

The Indian Mohammedans give credit to most of the prophets of the Bible. They believe in Jesus, but their prophet Jesus is different from our Savior. According to them he was sent to reveal the gospel to man and he foretold that Mohammed would come. They do not believe that he was crucified, but that another man was put in his place and he was miraculously taken to heaven.

I wish I could describe the Mohammedan hell The Buddhists have hells of ice and hells of fire, and there are certain hells believed in by the Chinese in which the devil saws the ungodly to pieces. The hell of the Mohammedans is of fires kept hot by burning men. The fatter the sinner the more fire he makes for his fellows. The clothes of the damned are burning pitch, and their torments are varied by the continued stinging of scorpions, serpents, and other reptiles.

On the other hand the Mohammedan heaven is a garden of delight, where the saved rest upon couches, with ever beautiful maidens to wait upon them. Every believer upon his arrival in paradise

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is given seventy-two black eyed wives, who will be ever beautiful and ever young. The moment he reaches there his body goes back to the prime of manhood and his soul regains its full capacity for enjoyment of all kinds.

ISLAMISM WINS TRIBES OF AFRICA.

Whole Colonies Said to Be Lost to the Cause of Christianity.

London, July 25.—"After 1,900 years of Christianity," said the archbishop of Canterbury in a sermon the other day, "we look out on a world largely non-Christian still."

In the same week that the primate delivered this sermon a Berlin correspondent wrote:

"The circumstances that Mohammedanism is gaining more proselytes than is Christianity among the natives in the African colonies has been frequently referred to of late both in the newspapers and the reichstag."

Particulars are given of German Christian activity, but the Berlin Missionary society admits in its report for 1909 that unless serious efforts are made by Christian missions to counteract its influence the native population of German East Africa will undoubtedly become Mohammedan within the next few decades.

The government, says the report, may be right in declining to interfere with the religious belief of the natives, "but the fact remains that when once the negro has been won over to Islam he losses his natural respect for and the naive tractability of his race to the whites and becomes imbued with mistrust, not only toward the Christian missions, but also toward the white race and European dominions."

A similar state of things elsewhere is referred to in the new quarterly review, Der Islam. In one of the articles Dr. Enno Littmann, professor of Semitic languages at Strausburg university, draws

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attention to the spread of Islamism in northern Abyssinia during the last century.

Whole tribes, he says, which were once Christian and still bear Christian names have become Mohammedan. He mentions in particular the two Mensa tribes, which travelers reported fifty years ago to be Christian. When he was in the country in the year 1905 he received the following account of them:

"Their religion was formerly Christian and each branch had its churches and priests. Later on, however, their priests did not know how to read; then the Moslems came among them and converted them to Islamism. Few at the present day are still Christians."

These are some of the fruits of ECCLESIASTICISM as taught by MOHAMMEDANISM in its strangely grotesque and hideously fantastic garb.

Which has become so glaringly attractive to thousands of hypnotized and misguided people now living under the several governments of the civilized world.

CAUCASIANS! AWAKE!

AWAKE! FROM YOUR HYPNOTIC SLEEP OF SELFISH INDIFFERENCE.

UNITE FOR COMMON PROTECTION AGAINST INVASION FROM AND CONTROL BY THE ONE AND ONLY RELENTLESS ENEMY OF YOUR RACE.

WHAT EXPERTS SAY.

London, Sept. 24.—The spirited and patriotic advocacy by William Randolph Hearst and the Hearst papers of the wisdom and necessity of the United States fortifying the Panama Canal continues to attract the attention of the great military and international authorities of this country. Below will be found the opinions of two of these.

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Sir Hiram Maxim, the celebrated firearm expert, and director of Vickers, Sons of Maxim, prepared the following carefully considered statement for the Examiner:

"I know there is a movement afoot in the United States to discourage the government from fortifying this very important waterway, but if America does not fortify the canal, which cost the people untold millions, some one else will fortify it—some one who is sure to be antagonistic to America.

"In America, I mean the American continent, you have one great nation and many weak ones, the United States being stronger and richer than all the others put together; therefore the people of the United States are by right the controllers of the destines of the whole continent.

"They are in a unique position and they have the Monroe Doctrine which they appear to be ready to defend. Those who talk glibly on international law imagine that international law is something like local in a state, city or country—a written law with some one to enforce it, but international law is simply an ill-defined theory without any one with the power to enforce it. No matter what we may consider or believe to be international law, it has no existence in the face of a superior military or naval strength.

"Suppose, now, that Americans—that is, the people of the United States—do not fortify the Panama Canal, they may wake up some morning and find some very powerful fleet in possession, and from that date it may be quite possible they would never regain control of the canal—certainly not without a great expenditure of life and property. If the canal is not fortified, what is to prevent other nations which may happen to be at war with each other from actually entering into conflict in the waters of the canal itself, fighting for the possession of the canal? If millions of pounds worth of damage were done, America would be the only loser.

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"Certainly, the canal ought to be fortified, and very well fortified, too, and by its present owners. If people imagine that wars are at an end they deceive themselves. Germany is working day and night building ships of enormous size, arming them with guns of tremendous power, and certainly if we look broadcast over the earth we can see no possible use for these ships; that is if Germany is peacefully disposed. Therefore, we may assume that this great fleet of battleships is being constructed for some purpose, and that is war on somebody or something.

"It is not Germany's purpose to attack England. If Germany made war on England it could have but one result—the complete annihilation of the German fleet. The German fleet is being built for the purpose of extending Germany's dominions either in the East or on the American continent. Germany either intends to occupy a whole or a part of China, as England has occupied India, or they intend to defy the Monroe Doctrine, and the sooner Americans appreciate this the better it will be for them. I have met a considerable number of German officials, and I happen to know that they believe the German navy is for the purpose of obtaining possession of American territory—that is, South American territory.

"If the United States and Great Britain could come to some arrangement whereby an offensive and defensive alliance could be formed which would include the whole English speaking world it would greatly reduce the cost of defense; in fact, no nation or group of nations would dare to go to war with us, and therefore peace would be assured. If any man or group of men could bring about this much-desired result they would do more for the peace of the world than any other men that ever lived.

"I fully agree with Mr. Hearst that if Americans want to retain possession of the Panama Canal it will be necessary to fortify it."

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General Sir Alfred Turner, late inspector general of the British auxiliary forces, said this:

"I consider that the fortification of the Panama by America will lead to the preservation of peace rather than to the inception of war. The world's peace rests upon armed force and nothing else. If the canal is left unfortified and open to the world it will sooner or later lead to hostilities.

"The talk that fortification of the canal will incite to war and be a challenge to war is simply rubbish, and an argument of those people who want peace at any price.

"America has a very large financial stake in the country, which it would be madness for the President to leave exposed to attack. War, although improbable, is not impossible. Many Americans have the same dread of Japan as we appear at present to have of Germany. America is too young a country to preach the doctrine of peace at any price. If she fortified the canal she would not do it from any hostile intention, but simply on the doctrine of the strong man armed keepeth his own house."

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How Mortals of High Intelligence and Apparent Culture, who in reality, are Spiritually Unawakened, are Influenced by Hordes of Degraded Oriental Spirits in the Psychic Plane to commit all manner of Diabolically Lustful Practices.

The Confession of Charles J. Leadbeater the Intellectually Brilliant and Noted Theosophist a remarkable example of the fact.

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CHAPTER IX

Like a thunderbolt from out a clear sky came the confession of Charles J. Leadbeater.

One of the most noted Theosophists of this age.

Which has been the subject of much inquiry, debate and bitter controversy in every part of the civilized world.

How he could have been guilty of so dastardly a crime, is beyond the mortal comprehension of many of his best friends, likewise many of his opponents in religious thought.

Had he simply been charged with the crime and had stood manfully against apparent overwhelming evidence protesting his innocence, it would have had a far different effect.

But having been charged with and having confessed, it behooves all sane people to pause, and ask—

How and why could such an act have been committed by a man who so long has been acknowledged to be intellectually brilliant;

An advanced Theosophist;

Supposed to have reached that exalted state of consciousness where he was proof against all of the grosser temptations of the flesh;

Certainly proof against those which the beasts of the field never commit.

Not from fear;

Not from any "third degree" methods;

Not from force of any character which was brought to bear upon him;

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But a clearly voluntary confession.

The crime is admitted by all to be the vilest of the vile.

Of all crimes which have ever been laid at the door of mortal man, there is not one which rouses the very highest elements in him, as this.

Nor one which shocks the soul of even the worldly-minded, to say naught of one who has become awakened to even the first step in spiritual aspiration.

The world-at-large has not the slightest conception to what an alarming extent this character of crime has grown during the past few years.

Were it known; its extent given full publicity; or even indicated, it would shake to the very foundation whatever confidence many have in the aspiration of the race for greater purity of thought and action.

Enough is, for the purpose of this work, that here and there along the intellectual plane of mortal life, we hear of some person who is accredited with great mental force and attainments—and supposed spiritual realization—who is exposed to the world as guilty of this most heinous of crimes.

Of late it has been found to have invaded the ranks of the clergy.

Several well-known ministers have been found guilty.

Also several have made confessions.

Here and there, like flashes of lightning from out a noon-day sky, comes the charge against, or the confession of, some one well-known in our highly cultured intellectual life—clerical and laity alike—confessed to have stumbled and fallen into this horrible pit of iniquity.

All of which proves that intellectual force, culture,

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mental attainments, refinement in manner and form, are not evidence of spiritual consciousness and realization.

Also proves that our whole system of teaching and training is terribly at fault, somewhere.

Too long have we conceded to individuals in all walks of life, who have high mental force and attainments; who talk of spiritual things in a manner to hold the interest of large audiences; who are a power to influence many people to their way of thinking; who represent modern intellectualism; that because of these great gifts they must be spiritually awakened.

This case clearly proves the absolute fact—not readily acknowledged by many good people—that a knowladge of dead worlds, dead ideas, dead religions and the ability to formulate that knowledge into showy display, in sermons, speeches and addresses, which attract the cupidity and emotionalism of unawakened souls, IS NOT SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS.

There are many people who are able to clothe in very flowery language the beautiful truths taught and demonstrated by The Christ.

To label them with their name and title.

To try to create a supposed system of religious thought.

Be accredited with having "Spiritual Consciousness," "Cosmic Consciousness," or any other brand of supposedly spiritually awakened consciousness.

They may label it any brand they may choose, in order to gull a throng of emotional, disjointed, unbalanced human states of consciousness, but——

We make bold to say there is not one soul upon our planet, who claims to have attained "spiritual or cos-

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mic consciousness" who has even reached the vestibule of its actual realization.

The one who may or does possess it, would make no claim, but would demonstrate it.

Who is living it as The Christ did?

Who is living it at all?

Not one soul who makes claim to it.

Not one soul of whom the world has the slightest knowledge.

If there is one soul upon this old planet who has attained that most desirable of all spiritual awakening and realization, they would not herald it before the mortal world of man.

They would live it.

The world-at-large would know nothing of them.

Is it an impossibility to attain it? NO.

But it is highly improbable under the present-day systems of teaching and methods of demonstration.

WHY?

We will prove that to you later, in a work which will follow this.

That the reader may have the official proofs of the Leadbeater case, from out the ranks of the cult to which he belongs, procure a copy of the published report given by some of his most noted colleagues.

The respectable element of Theosophy.

The circular is entitled:

"Mrs. Annie Besant and The Moral Code."

Here again we make bold to say that, Charles J. Leadbeater has by his own confession furnished proof to the whole world, that he is a victim of the worst form of OBSESSION ever known or evidenced from the "psychic plane," by that dominant power exer-

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cised by hordes of degraded earth-bound spirits in the psychic world.

Who will degrade any soul who will accept their presence and teachings.

Which is the direct result of the acceptance by mortals of Oriental Philosophy and Its Attendant Demoralizing Associations from the Psychic Plane.

That the ranks of Theosophy and ALL ORIENTAL systems of religions are reeking in sensuality.

That so large a number of male mediums who infest the ranks of Spiritualism are addicted to this infamous practice, it no longer excites comment among the people who are identified with that cult.

My dear reader, if you have ever desired to wander away from the simple, true and beautiful truth in The Christ, seeking to become identified with any old or new fangled cult which will pretend to offer you anything and everything to tickle your vanity and conceit.

Taking you away from the One and Only way to liberty.

Seeking to offer you an opportunity to become labeled with a title or a name.

That you may go out in the world with a "tag" upon you.

Go into the silence of your own soul and listen to the words of THE MASTER of ALL MASTERS.

"The Kingdom of Heaven Is Within You."

The Kingdom of Heaven is not to be found in any cult.

The Kingdom of The Christ is not to be found in any system of Oriental teaching or philosophy.

It is to be found only in LOVE, not words.

That Love is in your own soul.

Let it shine forth that all who may ever look upon

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your face will see by the light of your countenance that you are an awakened soul.

That you bear no malice toward any living thing.

That you are strong in the consciousness of having found The Christ within you.

That The Christ within you is showing forth the Glory of a Son of God.

Do not ever desire to wear a label, a badge, a collar or any symbol to try to show to the world of mortal man what you think you are.

But let your life, your works, show that you have arisen from out the mire of materialism and stand—

LIBERATED IN CHRIST.

"YOGA" DIVIDES THEOSOPHY RANKS.

Advanced Thinkers Likely to Split Over Relation of Occultism to Morality.

LEADBEATER TO RETURN.

Pandit, Who Denies Teaching Yogaism, Threatened in Letter.

The "Yoga" cult and kindred branches of oriental occultism may serve to split asunder theosophical ranks in America.

Representatives of two factions, opposed to each other for three years and now on the point of declaring hostilities, said yesterday that the theosophists of Chicago as well as of the entire country had come to the parting of the ways, and that the immediate future would see the birth of a new organization made up of seceding members of the old.

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Charges and countercharges flew thick and fast yesterday, the outgrowth of attacks made by old line theosophists, headed by Mrs. Annie Besant, upon devotees of the new school of advanced thinking, and it was declared that the present convention of theosophists, with the world president in attendance, would witness a bitter clash between the two forces.

The matter of the application of oriental philosophy and occultism to questions of morality—under which head "Yoga" poses as a branch of theosophy—is said to be the rock on which the ship of advanced thinking is now pivoted. Mrs. Besant and her forces—a majority by a comfortable margin—assert that the ship will be floated again and will sail serenely on its way to the higher life.

The recalcitrant faction says a big hole is stove in the hull and that the boat will go to the bottom unless certain of the passengers are gotten rid of.

Among the theosophists of Chicago who have withdrawn from the parent organization are the followers of Sakharam G. Pandit, a Hindoo teacher, who came to Chicago two years ago and has conducted the school of "Applied Philosophy and Oriental Psychology."

According to friends of Mrs. Besant, Pandit taught "Yoga" in private to members of various social sets in Chicago. For this he was criticised and also apprised that his withdrawal from membership would be accepted.

Pandit withdrew, but denied the charge that his relations with his pupils had been in any way improper.

That there are two emphatic tendencies among the theosophists of the country, one tending toward purely spiritual philosophy and the other leaning toward an idealizing of various phrases of morality, was admitted by members of both factions.

"Charles W. Leadbeater is responsible for the present crisis, and Mrs. Besant's support of him is just what is going to spit the ranks, if you want a

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frank statement of the case,'' said a member of one of Chicago's theosophical societies yesterday.

''Leadbeater now is in India living at Mrs. Besant's home. The board of governors of the society has voted to ask him to come back into the organization, and there are thousands of theosophists who bitterly resent such action.

At her rooms in the Congress hotel yesterday Mrs. Besant admitted Leadbeater had been informed he would be welcomed back into the theosophic fold.

The Hyde Park Society of Theosophists represents the opposing faction in Chicago. The Englewood society and the Central society, with headquarters at 26 Van Buren street, are loyal to the present world president and are known to the Hyde Park faction as the ''Leadbeater crowd.''

Through a discussion of the theosophical fight with both sides yesterday it became apparent that questions of moral relations have almost invariably been the causes of trouble.

Pandit was accused of teaching ''Yoga.'' Panditites declared, on the other hand, that the group had withdrawn from the Chicago Society of Theosophy because the latter was degenerating and paying too much attention to ''ghosts, spookiness, seances, and moral questions.''

Pandit is established at 6500 Lexington avenue, where thirty women attend regularly his classes in applied philosophy, oriental psychology, French and Sanscrit. Members of the school said yesterday that women who developed what was characterized as ''Yogaistic'' tendencies were requested to withdraw from the classes.

The extent to which the quarrel has grown between the two factions was shown in a letter threatening Pandit with death unless he left the country. Pandit declares himself in line with the purist faction of the Theosophists and his friends say the letter is from a disgruntled ''Yoka'' student. It reads:

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"While I believe you guilty of all that you are accused, and even more, yet my heart goes out to you with pity and compassion. I long to see you have the opportunity to redeem yourself and recognize your own God within. My heart aches for you. Therefore, I say get out of the United States as soon as you can, while you have the chance, for I assure you that opportunity will not be of long duration.

"I know of what I speak. Act, and act quickly!

"I will add that this matter is not in the hands of any woman or women. It has passed into the hands of those more powerful than the Black Hand. If you value—— act upon this advice. This is all I can say, and it is enough if you will try to understand."

Mrs. Besant, whose tenure of office is until 1914, said that she could not discuss Pandit's actions. "I only hope I may see him and I will try to get him to go back to his own country. I know his family and it will be best for him if he does go to them."

HINDOO FAKIR INVESTIGATED ON CHARGES BY TWO WOMEN.

Chicago Law and Order League Calls Attention to Practices of Sakharam Ganesh Pandit.

Sakharam Ganesh Pandit, a Hindoo fakir who is holding forth at 6500 Lexington avenue, is being investigated by Arthur Burrage Farwell of the Chicago Law and Order League on statements made by two women who alleged immorality. Pandit calls himself "director" of the "School of Ap-

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plied Philosophy and Oriental Psychology,'' and has his door decorated with expressions such as usually are affected by persons of his ilk. He is said to have induced numerous well to do women, including some college graduates, to attend his performances.

"We have statements of two women who told of certain immoral practices," said Mr. Farwell. "We have taken no court proceedings, but we have not dropped the matter by any means."

Mr. Farwell also has communicated the charges to the federal authorities for investigation and to Chief of Police Steward.

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Why Churches Are Empty

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"ECCLESIASTICAL TYRANNY is of all kinds the worst. Its fruits are Cowardice, Idleness, Ignorance and Poverty."—Bancroft.

"EXCLUSIVENESS creates Fanaticism, Bigotry, Intolerance and Hate.

"These are the destructive elements incorporated in the structure of Ecclesiasticism."

"No motion or overture with regard to the affairs of a nation, state, city, town, hamlet, family or individual should ever have its origin in that source."

"The idolatrous worship of things, places and personalities by its clergy and devotees, is direct evidence of their unawakened unspiritualized consciousness, is the dry rot impregnated within its walls which will ultimately cause it to crumble and fall."—Von Broecklin.

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CHAPTER X

Churchmen and laymen in the United States have been discussing the lack of general interest in church going and seeking for remedies. England has been undergoing the same discussion. The London Express has taken up the question editorially, and here is one of its articles on the subject that may be enlightening:

The gradual decline in church attendance is a subject which comes up for public discussion every year in some form or other, and the London Diocesan Conference has been uttering the usual lamentations and airing the equally usual remedies for producing a better state of things.

The only difference one notices in these statements of annual regret is that churches in general are taking a more and more grave view of their failure to fill their sanctuaries with worshipers, and it is to be hoped they will eventually discover some means of retaining the young people whom they have trained in doctrine and practice.

At present, however, both branches of the church are at sea as to the reason why so much of their work is unproductive. They try to explain the half empty church by poor preaching, insufficient pastoral visitation, the increasing vogue of pleasure, week-ending at the seaside and in the country, the advent of the motor car and the bicycle, Sunday concerts, bands in the parks—in fact, the list is both long and miscellaneous.

No doubt some of the items suggested do account in part for dwindling congregations. The promoters of Sunday concerts, for instance, can fill a large hall with hundreds of people; the clergyman near by has to be satisfied with a mere hand-

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ful. This is a contrast calling for more than one explanation.

But the real reason why is scarcely ever mentioned, much less discussed. It is this: That church religion is too expensive.

This truth was brought home to me in the days when I was what the city man calls a skypilot. I remember a Sunday morning when a man with his wife and family entered my church—a new one, by the way. They were a presentable group, seven in all, and, as I learned afterward, had just come to live in the district.

At the close of the service the stewards sought to welcome the new family, as is customary in churches. The parents expressed their satisfaction and pleasure with the service, but just as a businesslike steward was trying to get the name and address to hand on to me, the visitor said: "Have you a debt on this church?" "Only $7,500," was the cheerful reply.

We never saw that family again.

Do I blame them? No. Why should I? As a man of some substance, he would have been expected to contribute liberally to church funds; the united Sunday offerings of his family would probably have totaled two or three dollars; and what with foreign mission campaigns and gigantic bazaars for the reduction of the church debt, his religion could not have cost him less than $1,000 a year.

So this little episode set me thinking, and I realized, as I never did before, what church attendance must mean to poor people who have to face the collection box twice every Sunday.

They would rather be shot than allow it to pass without dropping a coin into it.

The pressure comes particularly hard on poor people with large families, for in addition to the gifts of the parents are those from the children. Not to give is a suggestion of poverty; hence Sunday box, even if they cannot afford it. The modern day after Sunday they put their money into the

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parent, however, is sick to death of these appeals, and he is staying away.

There is hardly a meeting held on church premises in which money is not the most important element, and I believe people are getting tired of this Pay, Pay, Pay.

Look at some of the statistics of the Church of England. In the year 1907 it raised the sum of £7,462,244 ($37,311,220) by voluntary offerings; and, although a certain proportion of this large amount represents gifts from wealthy men, a big lump of it comes from people who have had to deny themselves in some way in order to help the church.

It may surprise some readers to know that the Congregational churches in England raise £1,000,000 ($5,000,000) per annum.

No one affirms that these sums are not given gladly by those who are attached to their religion. The point lies here: That each church is anxious to increase the amount of its yearly revenue for all purposes, and the straining, wearying, tiring efforts to accomplish this end are responsible for frightening people away. Church Christianity and finance are now almost synonymous terms.

The only remedy is to call a halt and reduce expenditure. For instance, the Wesleyans have 8,475 churches, with sitting accommodations for 2,300,000. At present they have only 536,000 members, and yet they pride themselves on the fact that they build a new church every week. Is this sense?

All these new buildings require caretakers and the expense of being kept in repair. Why rejoice in multiplying sitting accommodation by the hundred thousand when churches already built are half empty?

Take foreign missions. The Anglicans raise $4,500,000 for work abroad, and the Nonconformist churches raise large sums for the same purpose. Surely it is high time we ceased to send so much money out of the country and spared ourselves the anxious work of "trying to raise more next year."

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The time must come, if it has not already come, when religious people will have to face the facts of an adverse balance sheet. It has been truly said that a modern parson is a man who runs a business with the debit eternally against him. Quite true. His life is often a silent tragedy.

I wonder whether the bishops at the Diocesan Conference and the Free Church Council will ever have the courage to appoint a committee of financial laymen to put their house in order? They may improve pulpit eloquence, provide amusements for the younger portion of the congregation, increase the social element in church gatherings, but the attendance will still dwindle.

What is wanted is not more this, more that or more the other; it is less organization, fewer funds and an ambition in keeping with its possibilities.

The churches are like a business which is sinking because it has too many branches, and clergymen and ministers, instead of falling on their knees to pray for better times, should call in the assistance of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The Rev. Percival Howson Barker of the First Congregational Church, Maywood, has set himself to the task of ascertaining why workingmen, as a class, do not attend church. He recently addressed letters to twenty-five leaders of organized labor throughout the country asking them to assist in the solution of the problem. In the letters he asked these four questions:

1—What percentage of workingmen, according to your observation, never attend church?

2—Is their absence due to hostility toward the church or indifference?

3—If hostility, why? If indifference, why?

4—What is the great defect in the modern church from the workingman's standpoint?

The replies to the letters were many and interesting. The Rev. Mr. Barker incorporated a number of them into a sermon that he delivered last evening on "The Religion of a Workingman."

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"The writers, without exception," said Mr. Barker, "agreed that 80 to 85 per cent of the workingmen never attend church. One leader, well known to every one, said in his letter:

"'Universal education has put the American workingman on his own intellectual plane. The laws of this country have allowed trusts to take from the workingman the only thing that the average man demands—equality of opportunity. The discussion of dogmatic theology does not help the laboring man to buy bread or clothes.'

"There is a great truth contained in this criticism. The modern workingman has gathered crumbs of philosophy and science. He learns that the world is the result of processes extending over millions of years. He is unwilling that the church should demand that he accept the doctrine that the world was created in six days.

"Another writer said: 'There seems to be an un-Christian, un-democratic, un-American spirit in the churches which looks up to wealth and looks down on toil.' The great curse of our modern churches is exclusiveness. It is true that many in our churches worry more over an unfashionable bonnet than a neglected God; pursue the fashion plate rather than follow Christ.

"Not one of the letters had a word to say against Christ, but admitted that He is the world's moral ideal and moral dynamic. There are mean men in the churches; there are mean men in the social clubs. There are insincere men in the labor organizations. The church has misunderstood the workingman; the workingman has misunderstood the church."

A new method that will be biblical in character is the remedy proposed for present day "anaemic" preacher, according to the **Rev. J. M. Stifler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Evanston,** who addressed the Baptist ministers' conference in the Masonic Temple yesterday. "The great mass of preachers wistfully ask, "What is the matter with my preaching," said the Rev. Mr. Stifler. "This

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has borne so upon me that I am convinced that an entirely new direction must be taken in our preaching. Christ's character and life should be truly reproduced. If I were the devil I would get ministers to preach on the by-products of religion. It would keep them busy and out of mischief and would not disturb the devil's hold on any of his friends."

A Card Index to guide him in his prayer is maintained by the Rev. John Timothy Stone, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Rush and Superior streets. The Rev. Mr. Stone spoke of this card index in an address before the Chicago Presbyterian Ministers' Association in the Ohio Building yesterday morning.

His talk at the ministers' meeting was on business methods as applied to pastoral work. He said he believed thoroughly in system, even to kneeling in prayer before the card index cabinet and praying for each name and each cause, from A to Z, as they appeared in the index.

Asked about his system after the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Stone was inclined to reticence. He said he regarded his card index as a personal matter, sacred to himself. He finally consented, however, to explain it more at length for the same reasons which first led him to mention it—namely, that he might suggest something that would aid other ministers.

"I became convinced when I was in college," said he, "that modern business methods should be applied to a minister's work."

I have applied them throughout my ministerial work. I have maintained my card index for fifteen years.

He was asked how often he revised the index and replied: "Oh, I'm revising it constantly." He said he used it daily.

"How long does any given card remain in the index?" he was asked.

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"As long," said he, "as there is any occasion to pray for that particular person or that particular cause."

He was asked how he decided when there was no further occasion to keep a card in the index and when to eliminate a person or cause from the alphabetical prayers.

"Well," he answered, "I have names in that index from India and Japan—from all over the world, in fact. Missionaries ask my prayers that a certain work may succeed or certain funds be raised.

"When that work has been a success or the money has been raised, then there is no longer any need to pray for it, so I remove that card from the index.

"The same would be true of a more personal matter—that is, of a man's salvation. If one who was repentant, but not a professed Christian, asked my prayers that he might be led to the light, his name would stay in the index until he had found peace and comfort in Christ. Or, if a man who had asked my prayers should die, then his card would be taken from the index. Each case is different, you see. There is no general rule."

Dr. Stone said he was not partial to the card index system. He declared that a book or any other businesslike method of record keeping was just as good.

In his address yesterday morning the systematic minister used figures of speech based on trout fishing, which he said he delighted in, and baseball, indulging in the latter instance in the phraseology of the diamond. Dr. Stone came to Chicago and to his present pastorate in April. He was in Baltimore for the ten years preceding.

"**The Priesthood of Christ**" was the subject of a sermon given yesterday morning at the solemn high mass in St. Vincent's church by the Rev. Martin M. Gregory, C. M., of De Paul university, who

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took for his text the gospel for Trinity Sunday. He said in part:

"Priesthood and sacrifice are corelated, and as sacrifice, the highest act of worship, is essential to any form of religion worthy of the name, so the priesthood is equally essential. The one necessarily implies the other. Reason teaches this fundamental principle of religion. Even the pagan nations recognized it, and following the law of nature, always had their priests as well as their sacrifices. In the order of revealed religion, it is equally as true that there never was a time when there did not exist a divinely appointed priesthood.

"There were in the old dispensation the priesthood of Aaron and the priesthood of Melchizedek. In the new dispensation there is the priesthood of Christ. In the Aaronic order, the priests were chosen by divine ordination from the tribe of Levy, and their office was to attend to the spiritual wants of the people to mediate between them and God and to offer sacrifices in their name and for their needs to the Most High. The sacred ministers of the Aaronic order were typical of the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. In offering their sacrifices they prefigured the sacred and divine oblation which Christ made of Himself on the cross.

"The priesthood of Melchizedek in a more excellent manner foreshadows the sacerdotal order of the new law. For Melchizedek offered up in sacrifice to God bread and wine, thus typifying the mystic sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ, which was instituted by Our Divine Saviour at His last supper.

"The sacerdotal orders of Aaron and Melchizedek, while they were divinely instituted, were, however, only figures of the priesthood of Christ and in point of excellence they were far inferior to it. In the sacerdotal orders of Aaron and Melchizedek the priests were only men. They were chosen for their sacred office by Almighty God, it is true, but they were not more than men. Their oblations also were only creatures, such as oxen,

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goats, bread or wine; in a word something of finite value and certainly offerings not worthy of the Infinite Majesty of God. In the priesthood of Christ, Christ Himself, at the same time God and Man, is both the High Priest and victim. At His last supper, taking bread and wine, He changed them into His own body and blood and thus in a real though mystic manner He anticipated and presented the tragic sacrifice which He was to make of Himself on the morrow.

"Then turning to His apostles He commanded them to do likewise, saying: 'Do this in commemoration of Me.' He there and then communicated to them His sacerdotal power. He ordained them priests, giving them a sacrificial power which they in their turn were to communicate to their successors in the sacred ministry.

"Thus was established the sacred priesthood of Christ which has come down to us in unbroken succession from the apostles. The priest of today, rightly ordained in the church, is as truly a priest as were the apostles or even Christ himself. In his elevation to the sacerdotal order the priest receives a spiritual character and he participates in the divine power of our Saviour. He is not merely like Aaron and Melchizedek, he is like Christ himself. He is another Christ. He not merely represents Christ; he is one with Him. Christ is in him by the divine power he has received in ordination and through the mystic words of consecration he really and truly offers up to God His own Divine Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"I cannot exaggerate the power and dignity of the priest of God. His power is greater than that of an angel. His dignity is greater than that of Mary, the queen of angels. At the altar his power is not inferior to that of God Himself. In the most adorable sacrifice of the mass the priest in taking bread and wine and pronouncing the several words of consecration draws aside the veil of heaven and calls Christ down upon our altar. At the voice of the priest the substances of bread and

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wine are immediately changed into the body and blood of Christ. No power of man is equal to his sublime action. It must be the power of God.

"Besides the sacrificial power which the priest receives there is also given him, in his ordination, the power to forgive sins. These are the words of Christ:

" 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive shall be forgiven them.'

"This power of forgiving sins he shares with Christ himself, so that if Christ were to descend upon earth and hear confessions in one confessional, while the priest would hear in another, the penitents in both cases would be forgiven in the same degree.

"Behold, then, the power and dignity of the priest! What can we find in this world comparable to it? St. Ignatius calls it 'the apex of dignities.' 'The sacerdotal dignity surpasses the dignity of the angels,' says St. Gregory. St. Ephraim tells us that the gift of the sacerdotal dignity surpasses all understanding. The dignity of the priesthood is a mystery and we cannot form a just conception of it. It suffices that we attend to the words of Christ when He says: 'He that heareth you heareth Me, and he that despiseth you despiseth Me.' "

Suffering from mental aberration induced by grief over the illness and temporary disappearance of his wife, the Rev. Arthur Wild Little, for twenty-two years rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in Evanston, shot and killed himself at the rectory late yesterday afternoon.

His body was found lying on the floor of the attic in the rectory, 1501 Ridge avenue. Wounds showed that a bullet had entered his right temple and emerged just over the left temple. Lying near the body was a revolver, two chambers of which were empty.

Before he killed himself Dr. Little wrote a letter in which he said that "something had broken in

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his brain," and confessed anxiety lest his wife should not be properly cared for.

Mrs. Little for five years has been an inmate of Pennoyer's sanitarium, north of Kenosha, Wis. Several days ago she escaped and was not found until yesterday, when she was located near Milwaukee. The word of her safety had not reached Dr. Little when he took his life.

Just before her disappearance, Mrs. Little had written to the rector asking for funds. The request was complied with.

New light was thrown on Dr. Little's act when it became known late at night that he himself had been compelled to take treatment in a sanitarium at Neshota, Wis., for three weeks last January.

The letter which was found on Dr. Little's writing desk read:

28 Sept. '10.

Something has broken in my brain. I told the Dr. and the Slaymakers and they would not believe me. But it is true. The wireless clothesline is broken. God have mercy.

A. W. LITTLE.

O, my poor wife! Be good to her.

The sentence, "The wireless clothesline is broken," is unexplained. His friends believed it reflected the vagary of a broken mind.

The fact that Dr. Little's wife has been suffering from mental troubles so that it has been necessary to keep her confined in various sanitariums, has distressed him beyond measure and during recent years he frequently confessed to friends that the thought of his wife's affliction nearly drove him crazy.

The knowledge that Mrs. Little has escaped from the Pennoyer sanitarium in Kenosha and was wandering about the country alone did not reach Dr. Little for a day or more after she was lost. He at once joined in the search, brooding meantime over the fear that injury would befall her.

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On Tuesday he got what he thought was a trace of her in Milwaukee and Miss Letitia Slaymaker, his housekeeper, went to that city to aid in the search. The hunt was successful and Miss Slaymaker was returning to Evanston yesterday with word that Mrs. Little had been found with friends and was safe.

She reached the rectory about 5:30 o'clock. The door stood open and she walked in expecting to find Dr. Little in his study. He was not there, and she at once began a search of the house, telling friends later that a feeling of dread fell upon her as soon as she discovered the house apparently empty.

Making her way to the attic, which is a small room on the third floor, she pushed the door open and found the body of the dead clergyman on the floor. Death seemed to have followed quickly after the shot entered his head. The wound had bled but little.

Miss Slaymaker at once went to the telephone, where she summoned her father, Henry S. Slaymaker, and officers of the church. Within half an hour thirty members of the church had reached the rectory. The body of the pastor was moved to a floor below.

The police were summoned to the rectory by Dr. William R. Parkes, at six o'clock. Chief of Police Shaffer and Coroner's Assistant Edward Smith, responded to the call and superintended the removal of the body to Hebblewaith's undertaking rooms, where the inquest will be conducted this afternoon.

According to the record on the police books, Dr. Little's gold watch and silk watch guard to which was attached a heavy gold cross, and $2.63 in currency were the valuables found on his person, which were taken in charge by the police.

Investigation to learn the cause of what appeared to be a suicide led to the discovery of the letter. W. S. Power, a member of the vestry, found it lying upon the top of Dr. Little's desk in

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the living room of the rectory. After members of the church read it it was turned over to the coroner and will be presented as a part of the evidence at the inquest.

At 7 o'clock at night a short service was conducted in the rectory by Archdeacon W. E. Toll of the diocese which includes St. Mark's parish. Thirty members of the church, many of them wardens and vestrymen, were present. After the service the body was removed to the morgue. A meeting of the vestry of the church will be held tonight to make arrangements for the funeral.

Archdeacon Toll spent two hours with the rector in the morning at the rectory and at that time Dr. Little spoke of his fears for the safety of Mrs. Little and declared that he saw no other way of effectually protecting his wife than to legally commit her to some sanitarium.

He expressed a fear that she might do herself harm or cause harm and trouble to others if left without restraint.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Dr. Little gave orders to the sexton of the church concerning a funeral at which he was to have officiated today.

The fit of depression evidently seized him not long after, as at 3 o'clock he telephoned to Dr. Sarah Brayton and asked that he be sent a sedative, as he was nervous and ill. The doctor cheered him up and promised to send the medicine.

So far as known, Dr. Brayton held the last conversation with the clergyman.

Friends pointed to the fact that Dr. Little's suicide could not have been contemplated any particular length of time, that the desire to kill himself must have come quickly. The day before he had consulted Attorney Platt with reference to the disposition of part of his property which he wished entailed for the support of his wife during her lifetime.

He made other engagements to attend church meetings and conferences with ministers which he

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likely would not have done had he contemplated ending his life.

The tragic demise of the Evanston divine, who was related distantly to the royal family of England, produced a profound sensation. That his health has been imperiled by grief over his wife had been generally known, but no one suspected that the mental strain would be such as to drive him to suicide.

Dr. Little was born in Portland, Me., Oct. 9, 1854. He graduated from Knox college with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1877 and three years later received his master's degree. Knox gave him the honorary degree of L. H. D. in 1895, and Western Theological seminary gave the degree of S. T. D. in 1905.

He became a deacon of the Episcopal church in 1881, and in the same year was received into the priesthood by Bishop Neely of Maine. His first charge was St. Paul's church in Portland, where he remained until he became rector of St. Mark's in Evanston in 1888.

Dr. Little has been known as one of the most scholarly men in the Episcopal church. He was lecturer on ecclesiastical history at the Western Theological seminary in 1886 and 1904 was deputy to the church's general convention and from 1891 until 1908 was examining chaplain to the bishop of Chicago. He was the author of a number of religious works, among them "Reasons for Being a Churchman," "The Intellectual Life of a Priest, Its Duties and Dangers," "Civil Title of the Church," "The Church Idea." He also wrote a "Character of Washington" and has written a large number of Latin odes and verses.

"He was by far the finest Latin scholar in the diocese," said the Rev. W. T. Sumner, dean of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, "and in my opinion one of the most refined, cultured clergymen we had. Personally he was charming, a real 'thoroughbred' in everyday life.

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"I have seen a great change in him in the last few years since the illness of his wife, and I know he has been more and more despondent of late, though I never had any expectation of this shocking end."

The Evanston rector took part in many of the important special services in Episcopal churches of this section. The last large service at which he assisted was the memorial service for King Edward VII, held at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on the day of the king's funeral.

"I am not surprised to hear that Dr. Little ended his life from despondency," said Bishop C. P. Anderson at his residence in the evening. "He suffered from an attack of acute melancholia since his wife was placed in a sanitarium three years ago."

The Rev. George Craig Stewart, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church in Evanston, paid tribute to Dr. Little.

"He was, in my judgment," he said, "one of the leading priests in the American Episcopal church. He was a man of unusual scholarship, an eloquent preacher, and a devoted rector of St. Mark's church for nearly a quarter of a century. In him the Episcopal church has lost one of her most distinguished clergymen."

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Race decline, wholesale insanity, and the homicide of nations are perils that menace the civilized world, in the opinion of Dr. Charles Gilbert Davis.

In an address before the junior division superintendents of the Chicago Christian Endeavor society, in convention at the Northwestern University building last night, Dr. Davis made the following statements:

A neglected child is a menace to the nation.

One man out of every 300 in the United States is insane.

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Civilization is crumbling—it is going mad. The physicians know it; the people don't know it; you Christian Endeavorers don't know it; but nevertheless it is true.

Forty thousand gaunt, hungry, exhausted children are toiling in the dust and roar of the cotton mills of the south and New England.

Race suicide is bad, but race homicide is still more horrible.

Dr. Davis' subject was "The Psychology of the Child," and was discussed at the request of the head of the department, Mrs. Amanda Rockhold, 1104 Oakdale avenue.

"The machinery to handle our criminal class costs us $6,000,000,000 a year," he said. "Wouldn't it pay the government to take care of every neglected child, to clothe, feed, and bathe him?

"This ought to be stamped on the mind of every legislator, every judge, every member of the Supreme court, and the executive head of the nation. It is more important than our island possessions, more important than the tariff we are squeezing out of the people.

"The question of child life is the most important that confronts not only America but modern civilization. We hear much of the conservation of our forests, our water power, our grazing lands, our coal deposits and our gold mines in Alaska.

"The politicians are making this plea, appealing to the mob's love of wealth to win votes and ride into political power. But you seldom hear the plea for the conservation of the child's life.

"The children are being neglected physically, mentally, spiritually. The children are starving.

"In England 2,000,000 school children are fed every day on alcohol. According to the school census two years ago, 5,000 school children in Chicago attend school every morning hungry, and 10,000 more go to school with the wrong kind of food in the stomach. In the great city of New York, I am informed that 20,000 children attend school every morning suffering the pangs of hunger

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"What is the result of this widespread neglect of childhood? It is degeneracy—the great army of the unfit. The degenerates are augmenting every hour. Where do they come from? From neglected childhood.

"Now what can we do to rescue humanity? What must we do to be saved?

"There must be government action taken in order to effectually accomplish the rescue. We need a department of health at Washington.

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"The conscience felt the Chains of Ecclesiasti cism disappear as once more it saw the Open Gospel of The Christ".—Gunsaulus.

ECCLESIASTICISM always has and always will stand blocking the pathway of human progress.

It teaches the fear of God more than it does the love of The Christ for man.

A perfect love for The Christ never will find an abiding place in the human consciousness while it holds one thought of fear either of God or of man.

Jesus said;

"God is Love."

"To Love is to fulfill The Law."

Perfect Love casts out all fear

God is to be loved, not feared

There never was a time when there was so much indifference manifested by the people at large against what the church pretends to represent, as in this age.

The listless attitude of the majority of the people—who pretend to be Christians—who attend the services of the several religious denominations is the one marked and most pronounced expression of the public mind as a resentment against its perverted teachings.

It is a very difficult problem to solve, how the people will ever become awakened to the need of turning

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their attention to the one subject, the most important of all, that of the future state of the soul.

To know where it shall stand, when the mortal life shall have been closed, and the spirit has taken its flight to that realm of greater activity and consciousness, of which it now is so woefully ignorant.

As in the time of The Christ, so today.

Jesus was very outspoken in reference to the spiritual deadness of the church.

As so clearly recorded in the 23rd Chapter of Matthew.

We ask the reader, if he has ever heard any minister of any church preach a sermon from that chapter, and attempt to explain its spiritual significance.

It is wonderful with what degree of haste ministers will avoid all reference to or discussion upon the very important subject this chapter discloses.

We here give the entire chapter and commend to the attention of the reader its careful analysis.

Try to realize how well it reveals our modern ministry in all of its sordid ecclesiastical insincerity.

23rd Chapter of Matthew.

"Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to His disciples."

"Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat."

"All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works, for they say, and do not."

"For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."

"But all their works they do for to be seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments."

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"And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues."

"And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi."

"But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

"And call no man your Father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

"Neither be ye called masters; for one is your Master, even Christ."

"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering, to go in."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretense make long prayers, therefore we shall receive greater damnation."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass the sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

"Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor."

"Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifieth the gold."

"And, whosoever shall swear by the altar, is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty."

"Ye fools and blind! for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth tne gift."

"Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon."

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"And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein."

"And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

"Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess."

"Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clear also."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanliness."

"Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous."

"And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets."

"Wherefore be ye witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets."

"Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers."

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell."

"Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes, and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye

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scourge in your synagogues and persecute them from city to city."

"That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar."

"Verily I say unto you, all these things shall come upon this generation."

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

"For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

The above is one of the most important chapters in the Bible which our eminent? theologians do not present to their congregations.

What a terrific arraignment of present-day conditions of the clergy and the church.

If perchance, the reader is a member of any church, we ask him to ask his minister to preach a sermon, taking for his text the entire chapter.

When you make such a request, watch and carefully note the expression upon his face.

Also note with what care he will evade the issue.

WHY?

Because in his heart he knows that it is all true of his church and of himself.

To show the real state of his own consciousness to his congregation would mean to admit his unfitness to represent The Christ to them.

When the congregation did awake and realize his unfitness, it would mean the loss of his engagement.

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That loss would mean financial distress.

He would be compelled to seek a more laborious means of living.

Which would jar upon the very sensitive and delicate elements of his nervous system.

Would be compelled to hasten to a sanitarium or some similar retreat to recover from the shock.

The financial loss means more to him than the loss of his manhood.

Which he is now sacrificing to obey the voice of his own cowardice.

A product of his mammonized conscience.

Does the reader think that ecclesiasticism of today is of any better quality than it was in the time of The Christ?

If you do, go among them as a stranger.

Do not let it be known that you are of any church or that you attend church.

That you are simply a plain citizen of this great and growing republic.

That you are just seeking Christ.

Not membership.

That you are poor in worldly goods.

See what cold indifference you will encounter.

But—

Let it become known that you have money.

Or that you control or can influence money.

That you have influential? friends who are high in the world of finance.

That you have respectable? connections.

Have fine references from good? people.

People who are financially strong and are noted for their high? social standing and goodness.

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That you are ready to contribute liberally to their church and its charitable? missions.

Then—

See with what haste they will endeavor to cultivate your acquaintance.

And that of your friends.

Will be ready at all time to offer prayers for the welfare of your soul and your fortune.

In fact will fall all over themselves to show how eagerly they are panting for the welfare of your soul and of your family.

If the grim destroyer should take to the spirit land, one of your dear relatives, even your mother-in-law, dear old soul, with what joy the minister will transport your kind to a heaven of which he knows nothing.

Where it shall become one of the angels.

All because you have or represent wealth.

Or the power it wields before mortal man.

Is this twentieth century ecclesiasticism?

If you do not believe it.

Go out into the world of ecclesiasticism.

Keep your eyes and ears wide open.

Your lips conservatively sealed.

Be a good listener and a poor talker.

You will find the picture has barely been touched.

Just gazed upon, that is all.

It is becoming worse, not better.

When will it change?

When the people who uphold such hypocrisy, change.

NOT UNTIL THEN.

What a remarkable state of things when the only way that one may be able to know a minister from the rest of humanity, is by the style of his apparel.

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Not by the light of his spiritually awakened countenance.

Were the apostles of The Christ only recognized by the style of their apparel?

Was Jesus recognized by His apostles by the light of Infinite Love radiating from His countenance or by the cut of His garments?

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In the home of one of our multi-millionaires a little child lay dying.

The joy and pride of loving parents.

All that human skill could do, had been done.

The physician said there was absolutely no hope.

The distracted mother could not become reconciled.

The father—one of our great business men—had employed the highest medical skill.

Only to be told there was no hope.

The nurse was one of those beautiful souls who loved her work, who loved humanity.

She loved the little patient.

When all hope had been abandoned, she told the father she knew of a lady whom she felt confident could be of great benefit in the case.

He eagerly asked who she was.

He was told she was a healer.

One who lived, loved and worked in the consciousness that her work was of The Christ.

The nurse said; "Let me send for her."

The father was ready to grant the request.

The mother was consulted.

She was a "devout church member."

She could not believe a "healer" could be of any benefit where the highest medical skill had failed.

The minister, the man of God, was consulted.

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He frowned; but he could not heal the child.

The physician smiled derisively.

He told the father no harm nor good could come through the healer, but—

If the father wanted to try the "experiment" he was at liberty to do so.

His knowledge and "experiments" had failed.

The father—a man of quick thought, decision and action—told the nurse to send for the healer at once.

A telephone message was immediately sent.

The healer was summoned to the bedside of the little sufferer.

She arrived in a short time.

Upon entering the room, she instantly saw that which the man of God, and the skilled physician, did not see.

The REAL CAUSE of the illness of the child.

She turned to the mother and said, in a firm, gentle, commanding voice:

"Fear not, your child shall not die."

Taking the little sufferer in her arms, folding her closely to her motherly bosom, she stroked the beautiful forehead gently and lovingly, speaking in low tones, words of hope and love.

Turning to the mother she asked:

"Is it true that your parents—who are now in spirit life—dead—were bitterly opposed to your marriage to the man of your choice—your husband."

The mother replied that it was all true.

She wondered how the healer knew that fact.

It was a great family secret.

The world was ignorant of it.

The healer told her the child was a victim of OBSESSION and that the obsessing power was the parents

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of the mother who were wreaking their vengeance upon her through her child.

Instantly, in a clear commanding voice, she said:

"In the name and in the love of Jesus The Christ, I now command that this child, Margaret A——, be released from all obsessing forces. Begone! Ye doers of evil."

Instantly a sweet peace was noticeable.

The little sufferer relaxed into the arms of the healer.

In a few moments was sleeping peacefully.

For an hour the healer held the little patient in her loving, motherly arms, pouring out upon the soul, spirit and body that love which only a mother can give who has become spiritually awakened.

She gently released the child from her arms, placing her head upon the pillow.

She was sleeping the sleep of peace.

In a short time the little one opened her eyes and reaching out her hands to her father and mother bidding them to come to her.

She said she had no pain, and was so happy.

In a few hours she was sitting up and gaily chatting with all who were in the room.

The physician was called in.

He said her condition was normal, and there was every indication the danger line had been passed.

He looked for her rapid recovery.

He marveled at the great change.

But could not account for it.

It was beyond his realm of thought.

The man of God came, and wanted to pray.

He was asked to keep silent.

But not by the mother .

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The father made that command.

The man of God could mumble words, but he could not heal the child.

The next day the little one was out of bed, and at the table enjoying some of the good things of life, in that line of expression.

The man of God had failed.

The skilled physician had failed.

THE POWER OF PURE SPIRIT IN THE NAME AND IN THE LOVE OF THE CHRIST HAD WON THE VICTORY.

But it was made manifest through a spiritually awakened consciousness.

Not through one whose mentality was clouded with a false conception of the Law of The Christ.

Not through an ecclesiastically trained mind.

Not through a mentality saturated with materialism.

But through one whose spirit and mind was alive and attuned to and one with the Love and The Power of The Christ and who was living in obedience to that law.

Not through one who was living in open defiance of and in violation of that Law.

And yet the Medical Trust and the Ecclesiastical Trust are both busily engaged in having laws enacted making it a criminal offense for one to heal the sick in the Name of The Christ, unless they have first been authorized to do so by one or both of these tyrannical powers.

In this "land of the free."

In this "home of the brave."

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The Great Region of Inquiry and Interest Is Not the World of Nature, But Human Nature.

—Starr King

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CHAPTER XI

THE CHEMISTRY OF CHARACTER.

John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all;
John was a statesman and Peter a slave,
Robert a preacher and Paul was a knave.
Evil or good, as the case might be,
White or black or bond or free,
John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all.

Out of earth's elements mingled with flame;
Out of life's compounds of glory and shame,
Fashioned and shaped by no will of their own,
And helplessly into life's history thrown;
Born by the law that compels man to be;
Born to conditions they could not foresee,
John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all.

John was the head and heart of his State,
Was trusted and honored, was noble and great;
Peter was made 'neath life's burdens to groan,
And never once dreamed that his soul was his own;
Robert great glory and honor achieved
For zealously preaching what no one believed;
While Paul of the pleasures of sin took his fill,
And gave up his life to the service of ill.

It chanced that these men in passing away
From earth and its conflicts all died the same day.
John was mourned through the length and breadth
of the land;
Peter fell 'neath the lash by a merciless hand;

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Robert died with the praise of the Lord on his
tongue,
While Paul was convicted of murder and hung.
John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
The purpose of life was fulfilled in them all.

Men said of the statesman, "How noble and
brave;"
But Peter, alas! "He was only a slave;"
Of Robert, " 'Tis well with his soul—it is well;"
While Paul they consigned to the torments of hell.
Born by one law through all nature the same,
What made them different and who was to blame?
John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all.

Out in the region of infinite light,
Where the soul of the black man is as pure as the
white;
Out where the spirit through sorrow made wise,
No longer resorts to deception and lies;
Out where the flesh can no longer control
The freedom and faith of the God-given soul,
Who shall determine what change may befall
John and Peter and Robert and Paul?

The individuality of humanity at the change called death, is either preserved or destroyed.

It must be one or the other.

We hold that it is preserved.

That under certain well-defined conditions, and in obedience to immutable law, abundant evidence has been, and again and again will be given to mortal man, to prove to his mortal consciousness the fact of his continued individualized existence in spirit life.

These proofs are everywhere available.

Accepted by all awakened individualized souls.

Rejected by only the ignorant in this age of spiritual unrest and aspiration.

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All sacred and profane history, afford an abundance of reliable and authenticated evidence that Divine Law —God—The Creative Force of The Universe—created ALL things for a wise and beneficent purpose.

That man in his mortal state of consciousness cannot in the slightest degree comprehend the wisdom of the Divine Purpose.

We must admit that, when we assume that God, the Divine mind, is omnipotent, omnicient, omnipresent, we must also admit that His judgment is infallible.

Could not have made an error in any creative act.

Having created all things wisely.

He could not destroy that which He had created.

The act of creation being an objective expression of His wisdom and His love.

Then the act of destruction must be an impossibility.

This one fact is then before us.

God, Divine Law, is infallible, omnipotent.

That man is the highest individulalized expression of the Divine Mind, God.

If the act of destruction of man were possible, by the Creator, then the Creator has made an error in His judgment.

Is not then infallible.

If not infallible.

Is not God.

If not God.

Man has no need to look to Him for guidance.

The human mind, mortal, is fallible.

Therefore is capable of error.

When man needs to look for light, love, wisdom, he must from necessity look to a God who is infallible.

Man could not receive spiritual light from a source

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which to his mortal consciousness he had found evidence of an error in judgment.

Must look to a source, God, which he has learned to know is infallible, Divine.

Is not and never could be capable of error in judgment or expression.

The unprejudiced mind must realize that in a reading of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelations, there is revealed a constant record of a multitude of spirit manifestations.

From the very beginning in Genesis when Adam first heard the voice of God in the Garden of Eden, loudly spoken, a physical manifestation, up to and including the prophetic utterances of the Apostle John in Revelations.

This is one of the most trenchant truths which has ever been given to mortal man.

Which bears most conclusive evidence of the continuity of life.

The preservation of the individuality of man after having passed through the change called death.

As shown in the recorded evidences in the Bible.

That the very first instance of an individualized spirit manifestation was, in character and expression, physical.

Is credited to God, Himself.

In the loud spoken voice to Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Until the last recorded instance of the Revelator John when he gave forth those remarkable spiritual prophecies.

In these two expressions of consciousness.

The mortal and spiritual.

The beginning and the ending.

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The Alpha and the Omega.

From the Adam to the Christ state of consciousness.

The pilgrimage of the soul in its earthy journey.

We see the Divine Plan of Creation.

In all its perfect relation to the mortal existence of man revealed in all its simplicity, beauty and granduer.

The soul created by Divine Law, God, makes its descent into the earth plane.

Beginning in the Adam state, mortal, and in obedience to the Law, God, ascending in growth and consciousness until it terminates its journey in the objective and psychic existence, in the earth plane.

Visible and invisible.

Finally making its ascension into the Chirst consciousness, spiritual.

Reaching at last the spiritual spheres of spirit life.

Coming again into the atmosphere of the earth plane, touching by the light of inspiration the awakening consciousness of mortal man.

Enabling him to give forth through spiritual discernment and the gift of prophecy.

The greatest of all spiritual gifts.

So clearly demonstrated in the recorded prophecies of the Revelator John.

As it was in ages past, so it is today.

Man begins in the Adam, mortal, state of consci--ousness and realization.

In obedience to Divine Law is not instantaneously precipitated into Heaven, spiritual consciousness.

BUT GROWS.

Perhaps through many successive embodiments.

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Into the perfect realization of his oneness with Divine Law, Divine Love, God.

The perfect realization of that oneness is the Christ consciousness.

The materialistic mind, the Adam, demands and must receive objective, physical evidence of the Law of The Spirit,

To prove to his mortal consciousness the fact of the supremacy of The Law of The Spirit.

Else he could not comprehend the fact.

Could not be impelled to take the first step toward a conscious realization of the all important fact of his individualized spirit existence.

After he passed through the change called death.

To have awakened in his mortal mind the desire to walk out of his Garden of Ignorance, his Eden.

Thus he must have the material evidence.

The loud voice of God, Truth of The Spirit, spoken to his mortal ears.

Then he is enabled to grasp the possibility of the fact which is before him.

That his Eden, his physical senses.

Are not all there is to his Divine Inheritance.

As of old, so we today, meet the same inquiry and the same demands.

Mortal minded man says, show me the proofs.

The physical evidence.

Which will prove to my mortal mind and my physical sight, the fact that my loved ones who have passed from my mortal sight into the great invisible beyond, are not dead.

THEN I WILL BELIEVE.

The carnal mind, mortal, must have gross material

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evidence of a fact, to prove, or even to comprehend the possibility of its existence.

Thus it is, yesterday and today, abundant evidence, spiritual and material, sacred and profane, have been given to mortal man to prove to his consciousness the fact of the continuity of life.

But each succeeding generation demands and must receive material evidence in its own generation.

His mortal mind will not allow him to accept the evidence which was given to past generations upon **spiritual** things.

But he will accept any evidence which may be offered, however fossilized, which relates to all **physical** things.

In consequence of this stubborness grows so very slowly into recognizing even the possibility of the reliability of spirit manifestations.

Very reluctantly listens to, not pretending to accept, the teachings of The Christ as a sure and safe guide for his mortal existence.

Often refusing to admit the fact of the physical existence of The Christ.

It is a very common and poor defense of many expressions of mortal mind, which are known as Materialists, Agnostics, Infidels, Rationalists, Spiritualists, and many other abnormal mortal states of consciousness, that as the physical evidence of the mortal existence of The Christ has not been sufficiently corroborated by physical evidence to prove to and satisfy their unawakened purely physical minds, they positively refuse to accept such physical evidence as is available of His mortal existence.

Yet these same materialistic minds will readily accept any evidence, however fragmentary and uncorrob-

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orated, upon a material subject of any character grasping at every possible thread of evidence to prove their premise.

Yet insistently and persistently refusing to accept any and all material evidence relating to a spiritual subject however substantial.

One of the peculiar abnormal states of consciousness of the mortal mind of those who seek to explain a spiritual law from a material comprehension and analysis, is its extreme reluctance to accept the fact of the spiritual existence of man.

They will delve into all manner of evidence, however crude and imperfect, accepting with avidity and without hesitation, the tiniest proof of the physical existence of any character or subject relative to material things, but when asked to apply the same line of reasoning to spiritual things they arrogantly refuse to admit even its possibility.

WHY?

THE MORTAL MIND CANNOT COMPREHEND SPIRITUAL THINGS.

SPIRITUAL THINGS MUST BE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.

These peculiar eccentricities of the mortal mind are not easily comprehended by many well-meaning people, but they must be charitably considered.

It must however be borne in mind that The Christ is the embodiment of The Law of Pure Spirit.

The mortal mind can no more readily accept the truth embodied in His teachings and His works, than an ignorant, uneducated, unlettered man will accept facts, which are everywhere available and abundantly corroborated, which have been and now are given of great discoveries in the physical world.

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We see the proof of this on every hand in the attitude of the general public in relation to recent and important discoveries in the scientific world.

It is as impossible for an ignorant, uneducated man to readily accept the evidence of these great discoveries in his physical world, as it is for the man who is educated and cultured in the knowledge of the world, who is refined in manner and form, but who is in an Adam state of consciousness, to accept spiritual things, or the fact of the mortal existence of The Christ.

In the first instance, one is dead to all comprehension of physical law, so called, and its manifold manifestations.

The other, though presumably more intelligent, apparently cultured, educated and refined, is equally dead to all comprehension of Spiritual Law and Its Infinite Expressions.

We see and hear people who are supposedly learned in matters physical, who **appear** educated, cultured and refined, in outward manner and form, who stand before audiences accredited intelligent, who claim they are seeking truth.

Who will grasp with great gusto, at every utterance of a speaker when he flippantly speaks of The Christ.

These same speakers will slander, abuse and denounce The Christ, His teachings and His works.

Yet these same speakers are totally dead, in their present state of consciousness, to all spiritual understanding of The Law of The Spirit.

In many instances, too many, there are clergymen who are, or are supposed to be, educated in the dead and fossilized history of the church and the race.

Who are equally as dead, spiritually.

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Are in as deplorable a state of mortal consciousness and realization.

They too are unawakened.

Are so fearfully deficient in the True Spirit of The Christ and a knowledge of His teachings and His works.

They are indeed whitened sepulchres of dead ideas, fossils and words.

Their sermons are but history of dead worlds and works, of fossilized antiquities.

They are dead to the real spirit of The Christ.

It is impossible for them to heal the sick.

Either in mind or in body.

Their words have no life, no power, no truth, no force, no love, no spiritual strength.

Their teachings fall upon minds as spiritually dead as their own.

As withered leaves of autumn fall upon the frozen earth.

They have no life, pass away, are soon forgotten in the constant changes of mortal activities.

BUT—

If their words were full of life, of power, of love of the truth in The Christ.

They would burn their way into the very depths of the mortal consciousness of their hearers.

Would bear fruit in the **spiritual** awakening of the souls who would listen.

Of all classes of people who should stand before the world of mortal man with the power of The Christ to heal the people of their sins, ignorance, for the only sin there is, is ignorance, it is that class who style themselves ordained ministers of the Gospel of The Christ.

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They pretend to preach His Gospel, His Truth.

Their time and talents have been used in exploring dead worlds,

Studying the fossilized history of dark ages.

Their minds are filled with a mortal knowledge of dead worlds and the dead things of these worlds.

The Spirit of The Christ finds no abiding place in their consciousness.

They are unable to offer naught but hollow words and mockery of forms to the soul which is awakening to the fact of its divine birth-right and is thirsting after the truth in Christ.

Man is turning away from these hollow sepulchres of lifeless thoughts and words.

From these self-ordained ministers and pretended representatives of the Gospel of The Christ.

Looking anywhere and everywhere for the truth for which his soul is hungering.

Man is quickly finding that nearly all the truth in the Christ which He came to teach and reveal to man, is now denied by these same ministers who pretend to represent Him.

Every one, even the very mortal minded, may plainly see that the church is steadily but surely losing its hold upon man.

They have naught to give to feed his famishing soul but lifeless words and mockery of form.

These do not feed the soul.

They only please the mortal mind.

Cannot satisfy the soul which is hungering after righteousness and awakening to know of THE TRUTH IN CHRIST.

The clergy may try to stem the tide, but the fact is everywhere evidenced of the lack of interest by the

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young men of the present generation to the calls for the ministry.

Their listless attitude is the best proof of the fact.

Yet the clergy do not hesitate to wilfully and persistently lie about the case.

The truth is there are plenty of young men who are alive to the crying needs of the race for spiritual awakening and growth.

Who could easily be induced to enter the ministry if they did not plainly see that the church in conscious realization of THE TRUTH IN THE CHRIST is plainly dead.

So dead as to be almost hopelessly beyond all resustication.

The independent spirit of the rising generation revolts against the perpetuation of ecclesiastical hypocrisy.

Its further recognition as an essential factor in the spiritual development of the race.

We may well truly honor all young men for refusing to aid and abet the exploitation of such hypocrisy.

All see that the church today is but a form of elaborate physical proportions.

Which pleases the mortal senses of this very materialistic age.

To such minds it is distinctive in scenic character.

As is a well-staged play of modern expression.

Which draws crowded, delighted and appreciative audiences which contribute to its support.

People attend church because it is "good form" to be seen among and identified with people and surroundings which carry so distinctive a good social quality.

But—

For spiritual purposes.

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As a place where the sick in mind and in body may go to be healed.

No one pretends to admit the accredited representatives of the church are possessed of the power of healing.

Are not in the slighest degree able to demonstrate the healing power of The Christ.

Are not able to teach the people how they may ever become aware of its existence.

But as a social factor.

As a place for the display of the millinery, dressmaking and tailoring art.

It is one of the most pronounced successes of this or any age.

Is one of the most potent factors on the planet for exclusive social functions and the endorsement of the wholesale materialistic trend of the age.

Where ill-gotten wealth is received with open arms by its ministers and its people.

Where the poor and needy in mind and body only receive the cold indifference of mortal selfishness.

Are referred to other sources for relief.

This in a country where millions of ill-gotten dollars are annually contributed for the teaching of the heathen of foreign lands.

Where the heathen of our own land.

Are like the ministers of our churches.

Devoid of a speaking acquaintance, spiritually.

With The Law of Pure Spirit as taught and demonstrated in the Life and the Works of The Christ.

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